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Chelsea

barracks

bomber

gets life

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter Patrick McLaughlin, sentenced to life for an INLA plot

North and Poindexter in slush fund for Contra rebels scandal

Reagan aides go in arms deal row

'seriously flawed''.

such controversy

of a policy aimed at resolving

a truly tragic situation in the Middle East has resulted in

He added: "While I cannot

reverse what has happened, I'm initiating steps to assure that the implementation of all

future foreign policy and na-

tional security policy initia-

tives will proceed only in

accordance with authorization."

In an astonishing disclosure that added to the furore in America over the Iran affair, President Reagan announced yesterday that Admiral John Poindexter, his National Security Adviser, had resigned, and Colonel Oliver North, the shadowy military adviser in the NSC had been sacked, following a secret operation in which money from arms sales to Iran was diverted for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

No successor to Admiral Poindexter has yet been ap-pointed, and Mr Reagan said a full commission would now undertake a "comprehensive review" of the role and procedures of the National Security Council staff in the conduct of foreign and national security

Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, promising to give full and immediate details to Congress, said that between \$10 million (£7.1 million) and \$30 million was taken by representatives of Israel, who sold the US-made weapons to Iran, put into Swiss bank accounts estab-lished by supporters of the Contras, and diverted to Central America.

Nn one in the US Government knew about this apart from Colonel North, though Admiral Poindexter was aware for some time that

Tomorrow

the President

in the troubled

White House Nancy

ordinary First Lady.

A profile of the most

influential adviser of

Portfolio —Gold—

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won yesterday by Mrs

prize of £4,000 was

Ferndown, Dorset.

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information service.

Dollar falls

TIMES BUSINESS

The dollar fell below two

marks, hit by a sharp drop in

US factory orders and loss of

market confidence in the Reagan Administration after

Barclays slide

Shares in Barclays Bank slid

10p to 477p after rising sharply on Mnuday when the

company announced it was

selling its stake in Barciays National Bank of South Africa

TIMES SPORT

Higgins' fate
Alex Higgins, the former snooker world champion, today faces the possibility of a

lnng suspension after allegedly

butting a tournament director

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the Poindexter resignation

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Reagan is no

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Admiral Poindexter: Asked to be posted back to Navy.

something was going on. A full inquiry is now under way to see whether criminal charges should be laid, and against

President Reagan, tense and grim, said in a hurriedly convened press conference, he had not been fully informed of

credibility.

The disclosure of the slush fund for the Contra comes as a bombshell as the Administration struggles to regain

The Swiss accounts were set up at a time when official US

Shadowy world of disgraced colonel

If half the rumours about Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver L. North that have been doing the rounds in Washington are

true, President Reagan was employing a combustible combination of "gung-ho" ad-venturer and deep-thinking professional soldier. But as befits the man said to have been running the Administration's most sensitive clandestine operations for the past five years, North was a distinctly shadowy and elusive

Journalists investigating his reported involvement at the centre of the White House's outroversial -weapons-foruty Director of Political-Mili-

tary Affairs had even for-bidden the release of his previous record with the Ma-Former comrades from the

43-year-old North's days in counter-insurgency warfare in Vietnam were hardly more communicative about allegations that he had been responsible for recruiting and supervising a private network of Vietnam veterans to parachute military supplies to the Nicaraguan Contras after the 1984 vote in Congress to cut off all US military aid.

It was no more possible to confirm seemingly well-in-formed reports that North had American hostages negotia- been involved in advance tions with Iran 2000 found the planning of the American National Security Council, invasion of Granada in 1983 where North worked as Dep- and subsequently in the Continued on page 8, cel 4

Government aid serious questions of Contras was banned by Conpropriety".
Over the weekend a Justice gress. All the arms were sent after January 1986, but the \$100 million in military and Department investigation had shown that nne aspect of the humanitarian aid voted by Congress this year has only just begun to be transferred to President's Iran policy was He said: "I'm deeply trouthe Contras. bled that the implementation

The evidence of a Contra link came to light when Justice Department investigators found an apparent dis-crepancy between what the

Man in the news The Israeli role National security hotsest

arms should have cost and what was actually received from the Iranians. Precise details are still being sought, and Mr Meese was unable to say whether any US citizens had broken the law in the

The Administration has told Congress that the value of the US arms supplies to Iran was about \$12 million. All of this was received by the

Department of Defence.
It appears that the Israelis —
who, Mr Meese insisted, were
acting an their own and not as government officials - were paid far more for the arms by the Iranians than anyone knew. They then, with the presumed encouragement of Colonel North and Contra supporters, paid the balance into the Swiss accounts for the Contras to draw on.

Mr Meese, under a barrage of questions, said that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who strongly advised against the arms sales to Iran, would stay at his post. So also would all the other Administration officials, including Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff.

He refused to criticize Mr Shultz's public distancing of himself from the Administration over the affair and he denied that he had recommended with other California

delays."
The Government estimates

that 10 to 15 per cent of cases

will fail to meet the time

Courts will have power to grant the prosecution an extension of time if satisfied

there is good reason.



TIMES

Colonel North: Shadowy military adviser sacked from the National Security Council.

MPs agog at MI5 man's claims on role of Rothschild

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor Whitehall's latest security nut to prosecute people in-

row brought growing signs of Government embarrassment in the Commnns yesterday. MPs were agog at the latest claims from firmer MI5 em-

ployee, Mr Peter Wright, about the role played by Lord Rothschild, a former head of the Downing Street Think Tank, in persuading Mr Wright to pass information to author Mr Chapman Pucher in 1980. They wanted to know

whether he was acting with the connivance of Nn 10, the agreement of the security ser-Continued on page 8, col 4 in persuading Mr Wright in make his revelations that way rather than by passing them direct to the Prime Minister as he had first wanted to do.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher sought to turn the attack nn Labour, with the implied complaint that Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues had abandoned the traditional bi-partisan policy on security issues.

This brought angry protests at the end of Question Time from Mr Neil Kinnock whn insisted that the only question he had raised related to the decision of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General.

volved with previous books dealing with security disclosures, in contrast to the Government's efforts to suppress the memoirs of former

MIS employee Mr Wright .
All the traditional symptoms of a contrived Commons row were there. In a barrage of points of order Labour M Ps claimed that the Prime MInister had managed to get the Commons Table Office to put

Whitehall accused Leading article

a gag on effective questinning about the Wright affair, but was able to raise it selectively herself.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour M.P. for Workington last night tabled Commons question to the Attorney-General asking, "If he will prosecute Lord Victor Rothschild under Section 7 of the Official Secrets Act 1920 for soliciting Mr Peter Wright by means of offering money to pass documents known or believed to contain official secrets relating to the security services to Mr Chapman Pincher and if he will make a

Murders suspect

arrested By Our Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating the murder of a schoolgiri, and two young women, in attacks nver the past year in London, were last night questioning a man arrested on Sunday.

The suspect is being questioned about the death of Alison Day, aged 19, whose body was found in a canal last January; Maartje Tamboezer, aged 15, who was attacked near Guildford in April, and Anne Lock, a recently married television worker who van-

ished last May. Her body was found six weeks later. All three victims were as-

The man behind the killings has also been linked to a long list of rapes and attacks, in London, under investigation by Operation Hart, a special Scotland Yard unit

to bomh Chelsea barracks went to prison last night leaving behind a terrorist trail linking the Irish terrorist group tn Actinn Directe in McLaughlin , aged 26 , unemployed from London-derry, was told by Mr Justice Kenneth Junes at the Central Criminal Court, "There is nnly one sentence appropriate, prison for life." Part of the 40ths of explo-sives planted by McLaughlin and his unit last November is thought to be from a cache stnien by Actinn Directe.

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The explosives left nutside the barracks included French material called Gelsuirite and used by Actinn Directe. A consignment of the explosive was stolen in France in 1984. The left wing French terror-ist group was held responsible last week for the killing of the

head of Renault, in France. It explosives with the Communist Fighting Cells in Bel-gium and the Red Army Factions in West Germany Members of the INLA unit travelled to London last year

in a Ford camper van which was taken from Northern Ireland to France and Belgium. The man whn bought the camper in Ulster was held in June this year at Le Havre with four others when French police halted what they alleged was a major INLA gun smuggling operation. The camper was the trans-

porter for an explosives consignment intended to mark the return of the INLA to the British mainland. The INLA has been dormant on the mainland since its first and nnly attack in 1979 which killed Mr Airey Neave, the Conservative spokesman on

Northern Ireland. The target for the attack by a unit of up to half a dozen was to be Chelsea Barracks and the total explosives, twice the amount used at Harrods. would have created carnage.

The plan may have been to explode nne small device. towards larger devices, packed with mits and boits, in create lethal shrapnel. The unit may also have planned a series of Continued on page 29, coi 6

Sangster appoints Fills Barry Hills will today succeed Michael Dickinson as The trainer, 50 in April, has

trainer at Robert Sangster's gained classic victories with racing establishment at Enstone Spark (1,000 Guintrainer at Robert Sangster's Manton in Wiltshire, The deal was scaled at a restaurant in Guineas) and won the Prix de London's West End yesterday. l'Arc de Trinmphe in 1973 Hills, a lifelong friend of Sangster, will also continue to run his South Bank stable in

eas) and Tap On Wood (2,000 with Rheingold.

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Fowler backs free needles

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is close to a decision to issue free needles to drug addicts as part of the campaign against Aids.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, supports the idea and a decision will be taken shortly by Lord Whitelaw's Cabinet committee, which is co-ordinating government ac-tion against the disease.

Mr Fowler and Mr Tony Newton, the Minister of Health, are expected to prevail, despite the opposition of several ministers, who believe free needles might encourage drog abuse.

Mr Fowler believes free needles would discourage addicts from re-using infected ones - a prime factor in the spread of Aids.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Fowler said latest es-timates suggested there would be 3,000 new cases of Aids in

He promised government help for telephone lines for bodies like the Terence Higgins Trust, which provide counselling on Aids. This is because of the steep increase in calls following the Government's publicity

campaign. WHO criticized, page 3 further European failed to The Unit Parliament, page 4 bear fruit as the Netherlands the draft.

Attempt to limit trial waiting times

The Government is to bring the system and curb the worst

in statutory limits next spring on the time defendants can be held in custody before trial.

They will mean that defendants will be released on bail when prosecutors fail to bring their cases to trial within a specified number of days, although they will still face proceedings.

The time limits, which are will initially apply to three police force areas - Avon and Somerset, the West Midlands and Kent. They will be ex-

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, told MPs yesterday that the

tended to the rest of the country in 1988.

aimed at cutting the long off the lists.
waiting times for defendants, The new

'introduce a discipline into weeks elsewhere.

Britain suffered a crushing

diplomatic defeat yesterday

over its Falklands policy as

the United Nations General Assembly voted 116 to four, with 34 abstentions, to sup-port Argentina's demand that

negotiations over sovereignty

be a key element in any Anglo-

Argentine reconciliation.
The defeat was further com-

pounded as an intensive Brit-

ish lobbying effort to prevent

Unlike in Scotland, which already has statutory time **Britain** is limits, cases will not be struck The new limits will be 56

days from first appearance before magistrates to sum-mary trial, or 70 days to committal. In the Crown Court the limit will be 112 days from committal to taking

At present waiting times for the crown court average 18 time limits were intended to weeks in London and nine

sided with Argentina to sweet-

The Dutch decision to

change to an affirmative vote

from an abstention had the effect of bringing cluser the

British Government's isola-

tion over the Falklands

Oman and Sri Lanka, sup-

ported Britain unequivocally while 34 countries, including six from the EEC, abstained

The United States supported

Only three countries, Belize,

en its diplomatic victory.

back in the black By David Smith

Britain's balance of payments edged into surplus last month thanks to an increase in the estimated overseas earnings of the City and other service industries.

But the underlying trade

position was weak. Last month's trade deficit of £835 millinn was just better than the September deficit of £885 millinn. In the past three months, the value of exports

has been flat, while imports have risen by 8 per cent.

Last minth, imports climbed above £7 billing and exports were £6.2 billion Government officials said there were indications that export growth was increasing and that growth in imports

was slowing down.
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CID chief talks to Brady

Ian Brady, the Moors murderer, spent two hours closeted yesterday in a hospital ward with the senior detective leading a new search for graves nn desolate Saddleworth Moor in Greater Manchester.

The unexpected confrontatinn took place in Newman Ward of Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside, shortly after Det Chief Supt Tnpping, joint head of Greater Manchester CID, arrived for a meeting with hospital officials and Brady's solicitor to arrange a visit with the convicted murderer.

After less than an hour's discussion he was ushered into the room where Brady was waiting and fir the next two hours the two sat huddled in conversation, watched by Brady's solicitor Mr Benedict

Birnberg As he left Det Chief Supt Tapping refused to disclose what new information had been supplied and would not speculate nn the likelihood nf his seeing Brady again.

Special arrangements for

the visit were made in the hnpe that Brady would break his 22-year silence and dis-close what other bodies he buried nn the moorland and where they might he unearthed.

According to Mr Birnberg who arrived at the hospital with letters exchanged be-tween Brady and Hindley during their first six years in detention, his client was determined he would not be used as a scapegoat by his former

accomplice. After the meeting, Mr Birnberg said that he did not expect Brady to visit the moor

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Heavenly rain lets Sudan live again Fund, which at one time was and are unwilling to sell

Falklands vote carried

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

From Charles Harrison Khartoum

Rains from the heavens and charity from the world have led to bumper harvests in many parts of Sudan allowing the country in export 200,000 tons of sorghum to Saudi Arabia.

It is a marked contrast to the situation early this year, when international aid agen-Home News 2-7
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Weather 28 cies were appealing for help to fight a famine which threaten-ed two million people. Millions of pounds of aid

including famine relief events organized by the Irish rock star Bob Geldof, have helped to revive the stricken goals and camels have increaseconomy.

In Nyala 600 miles to the owners want to replace the

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ished children, is closing down

turned its attention from nutritinn and famine projects to an operation designed to re-vive and rehabilitate health services in the Darfur region supplying drugs to govern-ment dispensaries, repairing buildings and training Suda-nese health personnel.

Darfur now has enough food from its own resources from various channels, and grain prices have dropped to a tenth of those obtaining Market prices for cattle,

ed sharply because livestock

feeding thousands of malnour- animals for slaughter. This part of western Sudan its operation. has additional problems caus-The Belgian section of ed by the civil war in Chad, Médecins sans Frontières has with 126,000 Chadian refugees living in nvercrowded reception centres.

The guerrilla war still causes widespread malnutrition in southern areas where farmers have been displaced nr where normal communications are cut. But the arrival of the dry season has given government forces an advantage over the Sudan People's Liberation Army rebels and surface communication has been re-established with many areas which were cut off when the rains

hampered road transport and provided the rebels with ambush cover. The Commissioner for Re-

lief and Rehabilitation, Mi Sayed Kamal Shawki, says there could still be a million people in need of food in the country's south. His organization is building up food stocks now, but does

not want people to become dependent on food handouts. "It is better to encourage them

to feed themselves," he says. One of the greatest challenges is to expand local food production and to increase storage in good crop years. The EEC is supporting largescale development projects in the Nuba Mountains and the

Jebel Mara highlands. Farmers who follow the advice are getting bigger crops and there is a steady increase in the numbers enrolling in

the two schemes.

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Bill aims to curb pro-gay councils A Bill to stop left-wing councils actively promoting homosexuality in schools was nnexpectedly introduced in

the House of Lords last night. Lord Halsbury, president of the National Council for Christian Standards in Society, brought in the short Bill with the support of many other peers, who have been horrified at the anti-heterosexual policies of councils such as Brent and Haringey.

Ministers and many MPs will sympathize with the aims, but without full government backing it stands little chance of reaching the statute book.

Shipyard cuts jobs Harland & Wolff, the state-owned Belfast shipbuilders.

will start paying off 800 workers in February - 600 permanent employees and 200 short-term contract workers - because of the shortage of merchant ship orders.

Even with the cut-back to about 4,200 employees the company will have the largest single shipyard workforce in western Europe, Mr John Parker, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday.

During the past four years the yard has switched from to-tal dependence on the depressed merchant ship market. Its order book comprises 57 per cent naval work and 32 per cent oil-related work. It is about to deliver its last merchant

year

first fleet.

Britain's celebrations for

Australia's bicentenary in 1988 will begin in 1987 in Portsmouth and on the Isle of Wight, marking the departure in 1787 of the

Sir Peter Gadsden.

chairman of the Britain-

Anstralia Bicentennial

Committee, announced a

programme of exhibitions.

performing arts, and school

visits, last night. A 35-metre schooner, being built

in Lowestoft, is the official

High-rise Australia flats call

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been asked to reopen the Rogan Point inquiry, held into the partial collapse of the 22-storey tower block, in Newham, east London, in 1968.

Mr Nigel Spearing. MP for Newham South, has written to Mr Ridley after Mr George Iley, director of engineering and surveying for the borough, prepared a detailed list of new faults discovered during de-

Language lesson

Kelly Greene, aged 11, has been asked to leave a school at Leytonstone, in east London, because she refused to do an Urdu language "taster" Her mother, Mrs Pat

Greene, of Leytonstone, said her daughter's refusal to learn the language came after she had been assured, at a parent-teachers' meeting, that the course was not compulsory. She was asked to transfer Kelly last Thursday; the course fin-

Convoy ambushed

More than 150 anti-nuclear protesters ambushed a Cruise missile convoy three times before dawn yesterday as it returned from a Salisbury Plain exercise to the United States Air Force base at Greenham Common, Berkshire. Protesters formed three human blockades at Amesbury

and Beacon Hill, Wiltshire, and at the Parkhouse A303 roundabout in Hampshire. A man was arrested after climbing on to a missile launcher at Amesbury and two others were arrested for

appeared before Salisbury magistrates and were released on unconditional bail. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said an airbrake hose was cut at Amesbury.

Print discipline demand renewed

today renew their demands for the electricians' uninn to be disciplined for allowing its members in work at the News International plant at Wap-ping when they meet the general council of the Trades Uninn Congress in London.

On Mnnday, when the TUC's "inner cabinet" - the finance and general purposes committee - vnted by two tn nne against re-opening disciplinary proceedings against the electricans, it was accused by Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association of mounting the higgest cover-up since Watergate.

But if past precedent is a guide, Mr Dubhins and his colleague, Miss Brenda Dean nf Sogat '82, will fare nn better at today's meeting as the general council usually en-dorses decisions taken by the

At Monday's meeting, Mr Nnrman Willis, TUC general secretary, told the print uninn

Print union leaders will leaders that as the electricians'

Miss Dean, who accused the committee of failing to stand hy union principles, said it bad totally ignored the de-cision taken in September by delegates to the TUC Congress whn voted in favour of action against the electricians' uninn. Miss Dean has also been disappointed by thnusands of her own members who help to

distribute the company's natinnal newspapers.

In a separate development vesterday in Mid Glamnrgan. the Labour controlled Cynnn Valley district council's libraries committee decided to end its ban on News International newspapers being displayed in

The decisinn follows a High Cnurt judgment which ruled that some London boroughs should also drop their refusal to make the newspapers available to the public.



Cautions rise for drunkenness offences

A revolution in the treat-ment by police of drunkenness cautioning offenders.

1985 giving guidelines on number of findings of guilt and cautions fell in all age is disclosed by official figures vesterday (Our Hume Affairs Correspondent writes).

Cautioning, instead of prosecutions, increased to 26,000 in 1985 from 21,000 in 1984 and nnly 2,000 in 1983. In each year between 1975 and 1982, there were fewer than 1.000 cautions.

The change follows a lead from the Home Office which in June 1984 circulated a cautioning by police. A circular was issued in February

schild and the author, Mr Chapman Pincher, colluded to

persuade the former MI5 offi-

with the book on the security

service, Their Trade is Treach-

ery, were strongly denied

yesterday. Mr Wright claimed in Syd-

ney yesterday that he had been

drawn into an authorized but

deniable operation "to bring the Sir Roger Hollis affair and

other MI5 scandals" into the

phone call from Australia,

accused Mr Pincher and Lord

Rothschild of corrupting the

former MIS afficer by offering

him mnney to help with the

Mr Pincher said yesterday that he received a call from Mr Turnhull on Saturday at his

Mr Pincher said :"He told

me that the British Govern-

ment was playing a dirty game

and he intended to play it

dirty too. He said it was his

opininn that I and Lord Ruthschild had corrupted

Wright. That's enmplete

"I never knew of the exis-tence of Wright until I met

him in August 1980 at a private house. When we

talked about the possibility of

a book, he said he wanted me

to sign a contract there and

then to ensure that he was

paid 50 per cent of the

royalties. He said if I didn't

agree in pay 50 per cent, he

the conversation with Mr

Turnbull, the Australian law-

yer admitted that he was feeding private letters that he

had written to Mr Wright to a

British inurnalist so that

information would get back to

Mr Pincher said: "He told

me he expected the Labour

MP defies

whip over

Coal Bill

A veteran Labour MP de-

fied his party leadership last

night and voted in favnur of

government maves to recog-

nize the breakaway Uninn of

Democratic Mineworkers (Our Political Correspondent

Mr Don Concannon, MP for Mansfield, told the Commons that clauses in the Government's Coal Bill,

which give the UDM equal

rights to the NUM on char-

itable and similar bodies, were necessary to bring "some kind

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and cautions fell in all age groups except for persons aged Bulletin on offences of drunkenness in 1985 said yesterday that about one-third of the increase in cautionian

of the increase in cautioning in 1985 was accounted for by the Metropolitan Police District compared with 90 per cent of the rise in 1984. Other large increases occ-urred in Northumbria, Thames Valley and South

Wales. to the caution and it is

be prosecuted for corrupting

Wright, Yet it was Wright who

Mr Wright described the royalties as "a helpful incidental benefit" in a state-

ment in Sydney.
Yesterday Mr Pincher, who spoke to *The Times* about the

50 per cent royalties agree-ment on Sunday, rejected Mr Wright's claim that it was the

Government which leaked de-

tails of the financial deal to

Lord Rothschild was un-

The Times understands,

however, that the meeting

between Mr Wright and Mr

Pincher in 1980 took place in

a first class air fare to bring

After the agreement wa

reached about the 50 per cent

royalties, it is understood that

Lord Ruthschild made the

necessary arrangements for

the money to be sent to him,

via the publishers, Sidgwick &

Man in the news

Cambridge spy ring

in the MIS in London.

very private man.

As a former distinguished

member of MI5 himself, Lord

Rathschild knew Peter Wright well when Wright was serving

Nathaniel Mayer Victor,

Today he lives in Cam-

bridge and remains, in spite of

his dazzling, varied careers, a

third Baron Rothschild, was a

brilliant undergraduate at

Trinity College, Cambridge.

knew Wright well

Lord Rothschild's home. Mr Wright has said that Lord Rothschild had paid for

him to Britain.

Thames

Rothschild

accused of

corrupting

MI5 author

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Allegations that Lord Roth-hild and the author, Mr Lord Rothschild and I should

cer. Mr Peter Wright, to help; had demanded to be paid

It was also disclosed yesterday that Mr Malcolm
Turnbull, Mr Wright's solicitor, in an extraordinary tele-

Most offenders would be

cautioned formally at a police station by a uniformed officer of a rank not normally below The offender is asked to sign a form confirming his consent

countersigned by a police

their campaign against drink-driving over the Christmas period. Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, has asked landlards to help hy displaying posters on the dangers of drinking and driving; encourage the use of "drive you home" schemes; and to

group to stay sober. Magistrates are strongly npposing proposals from gov-ernment officials to appoint more stipendiary magistrates.

The Magistrates' Association says in its response to a government consultation paper that the proposals would take the lay element away from much criminal jurisdic-tion and could lead to the eventual demise of the jury."

persuade any one driver in a The response, agreed at a recent council meeting of the association, makes clear that it would "resist the appointment of stipendiary magistrates" to help relieve the workload of officer.

They say that the move courts unless a bench specifiPublicans have joined would lead to the "demise of cally requests it."

la conjunction with a parents' support scheme which has been set up by the Independent Schools Information Service, the region's 38 schools, which cater for an estimated 15,000 pupils, have established three action committees in central Liverpcol, Wirral and Sefton whose ob will be to organize rallies involving perents and mem-bers of the public. Mr Frank Crowley, chair-

man of the Sefton area committee, said: "Each school will be calling meetings of its parents to explain the educa-tional policies of the political parties. We are hoping to persuade them not to support candidates whose parties adhere to a policy which will be harmful to the future of the independent sector."

Don't vote

for Labour

say private

schools

By Mark Dowd Education Reporter

Merseyside have embarked

upon a political campaign to warn parents of the dangers of

voting for the Labour Party in

the next general election.

Independent schools on

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Mr Crowley predicted yesterday that the latest, to be held at St Edward's College in Liverpool later in the day, would attract more than 600 parents and said there were plans to hold a mass rally of some 2,000 parents in the city's Philharmonic Hall early next spring.
The Labour Party con-

ference in September passed a resolution calling for the "planned public ownership of the private school system". However, it seems unlikely that it will be included in the

party's election manifesto be-cause it failed to attract the support of two thirds of the delegates.

Moreover, Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, has said that talk about

public ownership of private schools is "nonsense". Nevertheless, he has emphasized that Labour's strutegy is to phase out fee paying through the ending of char-

Hatton warning to Kinnock By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

Mr Tony Mulhearn (left) with Mr Tony Byrne and Mr Derek Hatton, who resigned as

deputy leader of Liverpool council's Labour group, yesterday.

Derek Hatton, the Labour Militant, was yesterday reeling on the canvas under a succession of political body blows, yet still the former amateur boxer refuses to be counted out and retired to obscurity in the city he claims to champinn.

Only 24 hours after resigning as deputy leader of Liver-pool city council Labour group, the specially-in-troduced political post which Lord Rothschild, whose role in the Wright affair is now the focus of attention in the New South Wales supreme has given him the most powercourt was once, quite in-correctly, rumoured to be the ful voice in local politics for the past four years, Mr Hatton fifth man" in the famous still bohbed and weaved and refused to concede defeat.

> His resignation decision, he claimed, was taken to save fering in a Labour leadership purge, not hecause his

popularity had waned.
Looking subdued, but still talking lnudly, Mr Hatton dealt his own counter-blow to the Labour leadership and warned: "We will be around when Neil Kinnock moves further towards his leaning to

Donald did in the 1930s". Leaving centre stage with Hatton are avowed Militant supporter Tony Mulhearn, chairman of the council's campaign committee and Felicity Dowling, deputy chairman of the authority's education committee.

"We felt it would be wrong to sacrifice other members of the group by remaining, but for every one of us that goes at least 10 and sometimes 100 will appear to take our place," Mr Hatton predicted.

The general secretary of the Labour party, Mr Larry Whitty, said Hatton's actions recognised the effect of his expulsion from the party.

Liverponl city council Liberal leader, Sir Trevor Jones, was not as optimistic.

He dismissed the resignation as "meaningless" and a mere front to mask Hatton's continuing orchestration of

itable status. the right than Ramsay Mac- city council and constituency "I do not think, by any stretch of the imagination,

that we have seen the end of The only thing we witnessed is Derek Harton looking after Derek Hatton, who

sees one gravy train come into the station and leaps off to get onto another." What the future bolds for Mr Hatton is unknown; branded by Labour leaders as a mischievous trouble-maker, dismissed from his job as an £11,500-a-year community li-

aison officer, with neigh-bouring Knowsley borough council, and now shunned by moderate colleagues own authority.

Many believe his outlook is

Certainly money will be-come a problem for the man who was, at one time, claiming over £11,000 a year, in attendance expenses, to fulfil his role as deputy leader.

Flexibility hope from new exam

The Government yesterday lannched a guide on the
Advanced Supplementary
level which will be sent to
schools and colleges in England, Wales and Northern
Ireland.

Advanced Supplementary levels are to be taught for the first time from September 1987. The new examination is intended to take only half the study time of A levels.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals together with the Standing Conference on University Entrance have published a leaflet. AS levels and University Entrance, in which all appear to accept, in principle, that two AS levels should be equal to a third A level for entrance

Tory dissent

Left seeks backbench coup

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Conservative left-wing MPs are to attempt tonight to unseat the right-wing chairman of the party's key backbench committee on education.

In a move which springs from growing unease on the Conservative liberal wing about the attempts by the right to influence the contents of the general election manifesto, the left will be trying in replace Mr James Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth, with Mr Malcolm Thurnton, MP for Crosby.

Mr Pawsey took the post last year from Mr David Madel in a right-wing coup, and the left are anxious to get ● The Uninn of Democratic Miners has rejected as "derisory" a £6.25 a week two-year pay offer made by British Coal (Tim Jones writes). it back.

Mr Pawsey, a close political associate of Mr Rhodes Boyson, the former education British Coal annnunced yes terday record output levels in the North Yorkshire coalfield. minister whn continues to have considerable influence nn the party's thinking on education, is held to be too right-wing.

education, including a spell as which is at present drawing up a member of the Burnham policy for the next election. negntiating committee.

The Government's record

nn sports funding was de-

scribed as outstanding yes-terday by the Prime Minister,

in spite of disagreement about

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was

responding to a question

about the grant to the Sports

Council, the first time its grant

had been raised in Parliament.

Mr Terence Lewis, Labour MP for Worsley, wanted to know whether she would re-

consider the decision to freeze the grant for 1987-88 at £36.984 milling.

her use of statistics.



Rivals, Mr Malcolm Thornton (left) and Mr James Pawsey

The education committee chairmanship is one of only a few targets selected this year by the Tnry left in the annual backbeech elections. The polls are considered important be-cause office-holders have ready access to ministers, but there is an nhvinus desire not to rock the boat too much in a possible election year.

In spite of the fact that one of their champinns, Mr Kenneth Baker, is the Sec-retary of State for Education and Science, the left fears that Mr Thornton, who is considered in he of the centre, is being backed by the left because of his experience in Conservative manifesto group In annther move Conser-

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher said that be-tween 1979 and 1986 its grant

has gone up by 67 per cent in real terms. "It received an increase of £6,320,000 in 1986-87, an increase of 16 per cent in real terms over the

The Prime Minister's fig-

ures mystified the Sports Council, which insisted that in

real terms the grant from 1979-80 to 1987-88 has only

gone up from £26.796 million to £35.874 million; £5 million of this was transferred from other government accounts

previous year."



vative Centre Forward, the

left-wing group run by Mr Francis Pym, is to invite Mr Baker and other Cabinet ministers beading the manifesto groups to a series of meetings starting next week in the hope of ensuring that the left's case does not go unheard in the manifesto process.

The backbench elections have developed into an annual trial of strength between the right-wing 92 Group run by Mr George Gardiner, MP for Reigate, and the left-wing Lollards organized by Mr Fred Silvester. MP for Manchester Withington.

There will be an contest this year for the chairmanship of Thatcher's sports defence

with the abolition of the

metropolitan counties and £700,000 from the Association

of Children's Play and Re-

Mr John Smith, chairman

of the Sports Council, has

described the Government's

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grant as "very disappointing"

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posed a significant threat to the gross domestic product, the countryside, Sir David Montgomery, chairman of the Forestry Commission, said yesterday (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes.)

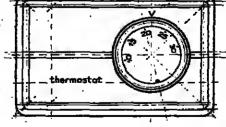
St. David markets which the gross domestic product complying the gross domestic product.

Employed tens of thousands of people and was becoming increasingly important to the balance of payments. Britain consumed about 10 times the amount of imber it produced.

Sir David, speaking at the Retail prices for Norway launch of a commission book-

let, British Forestry, marking mas tree, should be between fluctuatry Year, said people would not be allowed to plant trees anywhere they liked.

mas tree, should be between £1.50 and £2.00 a foot this year, but about £1.20 from plantations or farm shops.



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Owen calls for less TV violence in attempt to reduce horrific crimes

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Violence on television should be reduced as part of a new crusade to reduce horrifying crimes, Dr David Owen

The SDP leader coupled his plea to the BBC and IBA with a demand for Parliament to legislate against the sale and advertising of a wide range of weapons including battle knives, knuckle dusters, and crossbows - many of which are bought by teenagers after them used on tele-

He predicted the twopronged move would help promote an anti-violent society. "We might not see any benefits for 15 years in the crime statistics, but surely the time has come when it is worth a try.

Dr Owen, who was speaking to the British Society of Magazine Editors in London, said violence against people had increased by 7 per cent to 122,000 cases last year, while recorded offences of rape rose dramatically by 29 per cent in

We cannot go on like this. We risk conditioning our-selves to accept violence as part of our day-to-day lives. Violence is a pollution. It is time we acted across a wide range of activity."
Dr Owen's plea came a week after he attended a

community meeting near his home in east London, when a family launched a campaign to prevent young people from carrying offensive weapons. It came after the death of Mr John Dennison, aged 17, who was stabbed to death while on the way home with

friends. Dr Owen highlighted the Christmas issue of Gunmart, advertising various weapons such as close-quarter battle

recant testimouy she had given

"The litigation is at a

result the corporation's legal

advisers are at this stage unable to form a view as to

either the merits of the action or the eventual outcome. How-

ever, any damages resulting from the action are likely to be

covered by the general pro-vision included in the financial

statements," the BBC said.

Much of the annual report

There is no doubt that the

affair "provoked serious anxi-

surrounding the Real Lives affair "should not be allowed

to obscure the fact that the

ary stage and as a

in the criminal case.

BBC insists it can repel £57m claim

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A £57 million legal claim malice and coercion by a against the BBC brought by British Aerospace and GEC is "likely to fail" and no finan-BBC threatened to expose her woman, now a resident of Los Angeles, who claims that the BBC threatened to expose her as a lesbian if she did not cial provision is to be made to cover it, the corporation said

The claim arises from the BBC's decision not to go forward with a direct broadcast satellite scheme.

British Aerospace and GEC are seeking compensation for work they performed on the project before it was cancelled. The companies have claimed that the BBC is legally required to pay them for work performed under the terms of a preliminary contract called a heads of agreement".

was concerned with the various other controversies in The BBC's assessment of the case was contained in its which the BBC has found armula report, published yes-terday, covering the 1986 financial year, which ended on itself in the past year, including the Real Lives programme which the board of governors

March 31. The BBC has been informed by its legal advisers that on the basis of the information which they have so far been given, following a detailed investigation of the allegations, the claims are likely to fail. In these circum-stances, no provision has been made in these accounts to eties among those who value the BBC's independence," the BBC report said. cover all or any part of this claim," the BBC report said.

The report also reviewed the status of a £12.7 million claim tor-general, said the questions against the BBC brought in a California court, resulting from a broadcast of the pro-

gramme, Rough Justice.
Two BBC cauployes were reprintended for their role in making the programme, which resulted in the release of a man convicted of robbery. How-ever, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, criticized the methods used by the programme-makers and a BBC inquiry found that unjustifiable means had been used to secure an

In the California case, the BBC is accused of fraud,

Revolution

in car

knives, and said: "Why should we go on accepting these sort of advertisements?

"Parliament banned the flick knife, but has not yet legislated to stop the sale and advertising of a whole range of weaponry that cannot be justified in any civilized society." Turning to violence on

television screens, he said the experts had concentrated too much on whether there was a causal link between particular incidents of violence and watching television. Although the BBC was at

last going to talk to the IBA about programme scheduling, it was still possible, by switch-ing channels, to increase substantially the content of violence in any one day's viewing - and the problem was made worse by video

"Surely the time has been when our society should say that though there may not be proof in so-ciological terms and there may not be an absolute causal link, common sense tells us that to allow this pollution to go oo is to take too great a risk," he

Surely when the crime statistics, and any normal observation of human behaviour, points to an ever increasing level of violence, it is time

Just because violent programmes were put oo after the watershed" time of 9pm, it did oot mean children would not be exposed. Many of the most vulnerable children were likely to watch television late

Prices of shares by radio

The Independent Broadcasting Authority yesterday named two companies to op-erate Radio Teletext in London, a communications held up, at the request of the service that will allow execent. The programme contained an interview with Mr Martin McGainness, reputedly a leading figure in the Irish Republican Army. utives to monitor the stock market on portable data

The companies are Telemen Case and Independent Radio Features, owned by LBC and a joint venture of Associated Press, Dow Jones and Telerate. Both plan broadly similar services, concentrating on In a section of the report on news programmes, Mr Alan Protheroe, the assistant direcshare and commodity prices.

Pirate radio ship set to go back on air

BBC's commitment to the pursuit of rigorous journalism is unchanged".

The report indicated that one employee, almost certainly Mr Alasdair Milne, the direc-Radio Laser, the pirate ship which last year claimed to be Britain's most popular radio station, with an audience of between 10 and 15 million, is tor-general of the BBC, was paid a salary of between £70,000 and £75,000 in the back at sea and will reportedly resume broadcasting on 1986 financial year. Three BBC executives were paid between £55-60,000. The num-ber of BBC employees making more than £30,000 increased Friday.

The station, on a Pana-manian-registered ship, had limped into port in November last year with mechanical difficulties and was seized by the authorities.

servicing

to 124, from 70 in 1985.

By David Sapsted The motorist's long-cherished but off-frustrated dream of low-cost, fixed-price car

servicing may soon be real-National Tyre Service and Automotive Products have launched a joint venture to professional assassin. establish more than 200 centres in Britain offering single-cost servicing for most family

The move, against com-petition from other groups including Kwik-Fit and Halfords, is likely to mean the biggest shake-up the garage industry has known.

A 6,000-mile service for cars up to 2,000cc will cost £31.50, inclusive of labour, parts and VAT, and a full 12,000-mile service £12 more. Cars in that category include the Austin Maestro, the Vauxhall Cavalier, the Ford Sierra and some BMW

The chain, operating under the name of National Auto, will set up its first five centres early next year in Newcastle upoo Tyne, Southport, Brad-ford, Rochford and Ashtonunder-Lyne. Other centres will he established in the South

and Midlands between now and the early 1990s. Competition for the car servicing market has increased greatly in recent

The Kwik-Fit group is plan-ning a network of 750 centres offering everything from stan-dard exhaust and tyre services, to clutch and gearbox

Halfords wants to establish at least 100 parts, accessories and servicing ontiess; and B&Q hypermarkets, as well as Lucas, are planning similar

Killing blamed on terrorist backlash

Seychelles was murdered in "the evil backlash of terrorist activity", a coroner said

Det Insp Christopher Burke told an inquest at Hornsey, north London, that the mur-der of Mr Gerald Hoarau, aged 35, was the work of a He believed the man who shot down Mr Hoaran outside

his home in Greencourt Avenne, Edgware, north London, on November 29 last year was now out of the country. now out of the country.

Mr Hoaran was leader of the
Scychelles National Movement, which wanted to overthrow the Marxist-led regime

of President Albert Rene. Mr Burke said the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist branch had not been aware of any threats

Rotherham joins the resorts

But with tourism now big

business, and therefore a potential source of income,

A man who wanted to end Later a neighbour told him the Marxist regime in the that Mr Hoarau was lying outside on the pavement.

"He had received a letter telling him the president was out to kill him. He had also received threats against his life in telephone calls. He said it was nothing and didn't take it seriously," Mr Laporte said. Professor David Bowen, a pathologist, said that death was from gunshot wounds which included three bullet

wounds to the chest. Dr David Paul, the coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing. He said: "This was the evil backlash of terrorist activity which involved people living in this country but was not the concern of citizens of

this country."
After the hearing Mr Owen
Hoarau, aged 43, of Farm
View, Castor, Peterbosough, against Mr Hoaran's life.

Mr Willy Laporte, who was living at Greencourt Avenue at the time, said in evidence that he heard a sound like a "estore democracy.

The movement is now being the control of a coup in the Seychelles his brother would have been president, with an "ultimate plan" to restore democracy.

machine gun.
"It was a crack and I was scared. I didn't move," he said.

The movement is now being led by a distant cousin, Mr Gabrile Hoarau, who lives in Belgium.

Rotherham and Islington seem unlikely to figure high on the list of potential holiday destinations when Britain be-

seem unlikely to figure high on the list of potential holiday destinations when Britain begins to plan for the lazy days of summer in the hazy days after Christmas (Harvey Elliott writes).

Seem unlikely to figure high on traditional names such as the World Travel Market has jorca and France.

Grown greatly since it first opened in 1980. Then there were just 350 exhibitors, 7,753 trade visitors and 4,610 members of the public who are

neither Islington nor Rotherham can afford to be left out.
So when the World Travel well see us getting as many as Market was opened at Olympia by the Duchess of Stanley this year."

Gloucester yesterday both They will of course, have to these unlikely holiday spots travel by RAF TriStar jet from Christmas holidays.

No one was trying harder than the Falkland Is-lands. "We are really excited,"

Bingo is

EastEnders". --



yesterday as he recalled the moment his best friend collapsed and died after sniffing typewriter correction fluid. Crispin Sandford broke down while giving evidence at Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court in Londoo in a case against two shopkeepers accused of selling typewriter correcting fluid to Lee Ken-dall, aged 14, who died in a

park in Bermondsey, southeast London. .Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, and his cousin, Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, deny supplying Lee Kendall with the fluid, knowing he was under 18 and having reasonable cause to believe he was likely to inhale

Criticism

campaign

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The World Health Organ-

ization has been strongly criti-

cized by Aids experts for its

slow response to the global

The organization has failed

to provide an accurate picture

of the international spread of

the disease, according to a report published yesterday.

Its figures are "extremely flawed", partly because many countries do not report their

growing oumbers of cases, and

it has no organized informa-

tion on a range of prevention and control measures, the

report said.
Three years after the organization's first meeting on

Aids, its co-ordinating office consists of one doctor and a secretary, the report by the Panos Institute, an inter-

national information and pol-

icy studies group, said.

It added: "A strong feeling undoubtedly exists among Aids experts that the WHO

should now be playing a far

The organization has called for an Aids budget of \$200 million next year, rising to \$2 billion by 1991, but depends on voluntary contributions from individual countries.

The criticisms of the organization were raised at a

seminar in London yesterday

to discuss the report, Aids in the Third World, published by

the institute.
The WHO Aids programme

has been set up in Geneva by Dr Jonathan Mann, an Ameri-

can expert on the disease. The report said that he had made "considerable progress" and that the WHO global strategy

00 Aids is "good".

Aids in the Third World (Panos Institute, 8 Alfred Place, London WCIE 7EB; £5.50).

admitted on the last day.
This year there are 2,250

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more effective role".

prosecution, asked Crispin what had happened to his friend after their sniffing Crispin said: "Lee had a

heart attack. He fell to the ground." He then began sob-bing and was led from the court which was adjourned for five minutes. Earlier, he said he and Lee began sniffing the fluid during the summer holidays.

Crispin, oow living at Bullick Rectory, Bullick, near Corby, Northamptonshire, said he had known Lee for nearly four years and had been at the same school. In August, when Lee died, the two had lived in the same street. He said they had discovered

Mr Lindsay Burn, for the they could buy the fluid prosecution, asked Crispin cheaply at the Patels' shop in Dunton Road, Southwark, south London.

> Lee's death they had been into the shop to buy the fluid four or five times - and oo one occasioo Lee had traded a personal cassette player for three bottles of the fluid Mr Chaodrakant Patel

> charges of supplying Lee with the fluid, and Mr Sureshbhai Patel denies one charge. Mr Sureshbhai Patel also denies a charge of breaking the terms of his permit to stay in

Britain by taking employ-

today.

In the week leading up to

support." no treatment.

pleads not guilty to two

The hearing continues

The case cootinues.

Dr Jaffe man 'did not need treatment'

By Mike Horsnell

A Harley Street psychiatrist said yesterday that a patient of Dr Joseph Jaffe was given a five-year course of hypnotherapy and drugs costing up to £60,000, although he did not need any treatment.

Dr David Thompson told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing, where Dr Jaffe is accused of serious professional misconduct, that all the patient needed when he saw him in hospital last year was a little support for

The committee has been told that Dr Jaffe, a Manchester hypnotherapist, fed a drug concoction called "Jaffe Juice" to Mr George Waterson, aged 49, a wealthy businessman, for extortionate fees and wrecked his bicycle business in the process.

Dr Jaffe, aged 60, a former mayor of Salford, denies five charges of serious professional misconduct relating to his treatment of the patient between 1978 and 1983.

Dr Thompson cared for Mr Waterson, a married man with four children from Altrincham, Cheshire, for three weeks in a Londoo hospital in

He told the hearing that he was coocerned about the injections of the barbiturate Jaffe had given Mr Waterson, and which the patient knew as "Jaffe Juice", together with injections of Valium.

And he added that he could oot accept a report by Dr Jaffe about the patient's alleged "over emotional symptoms"

Dr Thompsoo said: "I doo't think he had overtly hysterical features and I could find oo evidence of a personality defect. He required oo medication and was psychiatrically oormal, but in need of

Dr Thompson said that the late Sir Desmond Pond, former president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, agreed that the patient needed

Asked by Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, counsel for Dr Jaffe, if it were possible for a doctor to have brainwashed a man so that he was effectively his puppet, Dr Thompsoo said that a patient regularly given addictive injections would be "enormously influenced" by the doctor.

Portfolio —Gold— Woman to invest part of her win

A woman is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,060.

Mrs Jessie Smith from Wimborne, Derset, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it eterted in The Times.

it started in The Tin "I am obviously delighte

When asked how she in-tended spending the prize money, Mrs Smith said: "I'll invest some and spend some". Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by send

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Two in court after PC's death fall

Two men appeared in cour yesterday charged with steal-ing from a home in the block of flats in Stoke where PC John

Taylor, aged 26, fell 50ft to his death on Sunday.
Delroy Gooden, aged 26, of Brookfield Road, Hockley, and Junior Carnegie, aged 25, of Oval Road, Erdington, both Birmingham, appeared at Fenton Magistrates' Court, Stoke-on-Treot, Staf-

fordshire, and were remanded in custody for seven days. A third man, Terence Butcher, who is also accused of stealing, did not appear. He is in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary with serious injuries after falling from the flats with PC Taylor.

Free advice to elderly on keeping warm

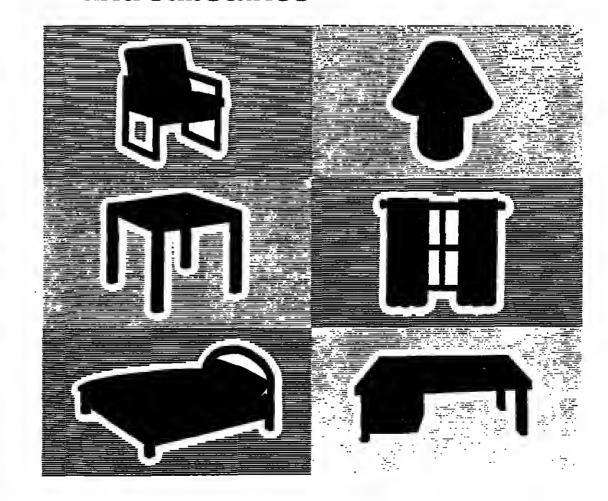
Help the Aged intensfied its campaign yesterday to help the elderly keep warm during free advice leaflet.

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MI5 secrecy must be upheld, says Thatcher

cerned with upholding the prin-ciple of confidentiality and the obligations of staff without which there could be no effwhich there could be no eff-ective security services. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said when questioned in the Commons about the M15

court hearing in Sydney.

She added, in a phrase that
she was to use several nimes during question time: "I believe that these principles have been upheld by successive prime ministers and home secretaries of both parties".

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, Mr Robin Squire (Horntmutter, C), who began the exchanges, said that many people viewed with distaste the picture of someone who had taken a vow of secrety now agreeing, in return it seemed for a large sum of money, to break that vow. Mrs Thatcher: I can say nothing Mrs Thatcher: I can say nothing about the conduct of this case. I can only say that Mr Wright, like all present and former members of the security services, owes a life-long duty of confidentiality to the Cmwn. The unauthorized publication of the security services are served. of his manuscript would violate

this obligation. He served in the security services from 1955 to 1976 and his service therefore relates to a period hefore this Gov-ernment's term of office.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: How does she explain the difference between allowing Mr Chapman Pincher to publish his book, based on information supplied by Mr Wright and with half the proceeds going to him and her ceeds going to him, and her attempt now to stop 2 book on the same subject being pub-lished under Mr Wright's own

Mrs Thatcher: The principle we are upholding is the obligation of staff to the security services, without which there could be no effective services. I wish to uphold the efficiency and effec-

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): Since she has said that the events being scrutinized by a court in Australia arise in circumstances which took place before she was Prime Minister, would she agree that she has no vested interest, whereas the Leader of the Opposition in his goings-on is indulging in low, nasty, dirty party politics? (Prolonged Opposition protests.)

Mrs Thatcher: I have made it clear that the Government is concerned with upbolding the principle of confidentiality and the obligations of staff without which there can be no effective

PRIME MINISTER

C): If the security services are to retain the respect and confidence of this House and the public, then the Government should establish forthwith a committee of senior and evicommittee of senior and eounent privy counsellors to pro-vide parliamentary oversight. Mrs Thatcher: This has been raised before and rejected. The reasons for the rejection were the same as now; one has to trust both those in charge of the security services and ministers for the discharge of their duties.

Later, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, rais-ing a point of order with the Speaker, said: In the course of questions, the implication existed that somehow the well established and entirely necessary bi-partisan amtude towards national security has somehow been breached.

Can I put it to you that this is a matter of order not only because of the implication it has for the conduct of government in this country. It is also because of the way in which it conveys implications of the attitudes of hogourable members.

No government which does absolutely nothing to impede the publication of a book. knowing it to have been pub-lished with information . . . (the rest of the sentence was lost in

The Speaker: May I ask Mr Kinnock to direct his point of

Mr Kinnock: The bi-partisan attitude is not best sustained by ensuring that that which the Prime Minister is not prepared to say in this House is said by a civil servant in secret briefings outside this place (Conservative princests). May I further say... The Speaker. How can I possibly hear if this shouting goes

on?
Mr Kinnock: A Government which puts the Cabinet Secretary in a very exposed position but ensures that attention is drawn to disclosures that are barmful to national security is not in a position to lecture.

The only question that I have raised or would raise is one relating to the decision of the

Attorney General. The explanation I have asked for has no implications for the national security of my country.
The Speaker: I am sure that nobody in this House would iropugn the integrity of Mr Kinnock.

Kinnock anger on the 678 local wards in the Northern region had levels of permanent sickness above the average for England and Wales. The Cromary and Given the one certainty, that the problem will not go away and will get significantly and expenses the significantly and expenses the significant of the control of the con Iran arms deal

On the very day when Admiral John Poindexter (United States National Security Adviser) had been speaking out against the sale of arms to Iran, Mr Robert McFarlane (former United States National Security Adviser) had been delivering arms to Iran and doing so covertly. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Minister's question time.

Had she, he asked, raised the point with Mr Reagan during her visit to America and had she

asked for an explanation or apology for that apparent lapse in the special relationship? Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that it was government policy not to give ransom of any kind for hostages. The American President had made clear his policy in several television appearances. "I do not answer yet for the

she can justify the dropping of bombs on a source of terrorism in April and the giving of cut price gifts of arms to a source of terrorism in May? Mrs Thatcher: I will not answer for the United States of America, nor am I expected to. If he is

referring to our policy over Libya, that was fully justified. Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bmmwich West, Lah) asked if in the light of Mr Reagan's admission that there had been limited arms sales to Iran the Prime Minister stood by her original statement that she be-lieved implicitly in the integrity of the President in this matter. Mrs Thatcher: It is not for me to answer for United States policy. President Reagan said in a television statement that the US does not give ranson in money or arms for hostages. That is our policy. That is his policy.

NHS is growing, Fowler insists

vice Hospitals in England treated one million more in-patient cases, 400,000 more day cases and almost 3.5 million more out-patient cases than in 1978, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Serrices, said during Commons

The figures for 1985, he said, were 6.3 million in-patient, 960,000 day and 37.4 million you, out patient cases.
Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): These figures more than any others show the expansion of the National Health Service since the present Government came to office.

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Mr Fowler: They are among the figures that do that. They show the record amount of health care being provided and other figures that establish the same point are in the capital building pro-gramme which show a record number of hospitals being built by this Conservative Gov-

Central, Lah; These figures are a further example of how the Government fiddles figures. Is it not the case that where a patient is prematurely discharged from hospital and subsequently has to go back, it counts as two.? Mr Fowler: These figures are the

Lord Ennals, the former Labour Secretary of State for Social Services. Why should it not be a fiddle when he used them, but a fiddle when we do?
Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Little-borough and Saddleworth, C):
The winter of discontent added to the waiting lists of hospitals throughout the United Kingdom and was it not the Conservative Government which shortened these waiting lists and

is it not a Conservative Govern-ment which has a drive on now to shorten the waiting lists with compassion, which is the Government that cares? (Op-

position laughter and protests.) Mr Fowler: I entirely agree with everything he said, in particular his point that in 1982 the waiting lists went up because of industrial action and that that industrial action was never condemned by the official Op-• The Government was com

mitted to the development of the health service in the North of England, Mr Anthony New-ton, Minister for Health, said during Commons questions in response to charges of neglect from Labour MPs.

The report, Inequalities in Health in the Northern Region, was commissioned by the Regional Health Authority which predictions by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre estimated that in the United Kingdom there would be would no doubt take it into account in its planning, he said. Mr Jack Dormand (Easington, Lab), who had asked what action the Government proposed to take on the report, said. 550 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome diagnosed this year, 1,300 next year and 3,000 in 1988. Inevitably the estimates involved a posed to take on the report, said large degree of uncertainty.
that no fewer than two thirds of Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross,
the 678 local wards in the Cromarty and Skye, SDP): permanent sickness above the problem will not go away and average for England and Wales.

Mr Newton said there was considerable academic debate his plans, in particular, about ponentially worse, will be clarify his plans, in particular, about the future of the public bealth about the linkages between some of the statistics to which

Mr Dormand had referred. Within the total of NHS resources, Northern region resources had risen from less than £3 million in 1978-79 to well over £6 million in 1985-86. Eleven hig capital developments

had been completed.
Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lah) said that the report only added to the data showing the relationship be-tween unemployment and health. Only government min-isters were ignoring that data. Why would the Government not bring forward resources instead of leaving it to private capital?

Mr Newton said there was no question of leaving it to private There were nine schemes under consideration at a cost of £31 million and three more schemes costing £27 million

for Aids inquirers

Mr Norman Fowler making the most of his new tune.

More telephone advice

pecially since the Government's publicity programme began, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said there was no question of allow-ing Aids work to be held up. Mrs Renee Short (Wolver-hampton. North East, Lab) asked what resources would be provided in regions which had to deal with the majority of cases. Mr Fowler: Clearly we shall take account of special needs, Some regional health authorities face particular problems and the need for services by Aids victims will be taken into account.

In a later reply he promised that the department would do all it could to achieve better co-ordination between voluntary organizations, which were doing

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that on Sat-urday night he had telephoned Bradford Aids line to get He had been referred by a

recorded message to the Terence Higgins Trust and had rung every 10 minutes from 6.30 to 9.30 until be got through. The publicity campaign would gen-erate a mass of inquiries which present arrangements were inad-equate to deal with. Mr Fowler agreed that there had

Custody limits soon before the first appearance be-fore a magistrate for summary

The Home Office is to introduce statutory time limits in three police areas on the period for which an accused person may be kept in custody before trial. Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, made the announcement in a written Com-

"Can we take it that there will

be no reduction in their number or their funding?"

Mr Fowler said that there were no plans to cut the service and

laboratories.

Aids telephone help and advice lines were attempting to deal with a mass of inquiries, es-

during question time. More lines would become available within the next few weeks.

"If there are things we can do to keep the lines open by providing more lines, we shall do

Mr Fowler said that the latest

mons reply.

He said that the decision came after field trials. From April 1 next year, in Avon and Somerset, Kent, and West Midlands, varying limits will apply to the length of time an accused person may be held in custody.

The limit will be 56 dsys

hearing; 70 days before committal proceedings and, in the case of Bristol, Maidstone and Bir-mingham Crown courts, 112 days from committal to the taking of pleas.

Mr Mellor said: "In the light

of experience there, we shall go on to apply custody limits thmughout England and Wales. "We have no immediate plans to exercise the powers to apply limits to periods when the accused is not in custody. These will come later."

Sunken vessel inquiry to be considered

The Government would con-sider opening a formal in-vestigation into the loss of the Derbyshire, which sank without trace during a typhoon in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives, if any evidence was found of a link with the break-up of her sister ship the Kowloon Bridge. Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in n Commons statement.

MPs from all sides of the House pressed him to agree to such an inquiry.

He said that he would publish the reports of the two seperate investigations involving the Hong Kong-registered vessel, Kowloon Bridge, one of which was expected very soon, and consider what action needed to be taken.

The first was a full investiga-tion into the damage to the vessel, conducted by a Department of Transport inspector, who boarded the vessel on who boarded the vesser on November 20 at some personal risk in Bantry Bay, where she had put in for repairs. Early indications were that the dam-age was entirely consistent with the severe weather encountered during her voyage across the Atlantic.

The second was an investiga-tion by inspectors from the Department of Transport on behalf of the Hong Kong admin-stration into the vessel breaking free from her anchor, the loss of steering and the subsequent

grounding.

His department had been advised of reports of structural damage to the Kowioon Bridge late on November 18. In view of the possible connection with the loss of the Derbyshire, the department agreed with the Hong Kong authorities that the department's inspectors should investigate on their behalf.

Late on November 22 the investigate on their behalf.

Late on November 22 the vessel broke away from her anchor. The master decided to put out to sea. She then suffered a loss of steering and a mayday call was put out. The House would wish to acknowledge the skill and bravery with which the crew were taken off by RAF Sea. King helicopters with no loss of life.

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drifting for 24 hours in severe weather conditions. She had number two and number three Mr Roger Stott, an Opposition

spokesman on transport, said that the Kowloon Bridge — for-merly the English Bridge — was one of six ships built by Swan Hunter in the early 1970s. One of those, the merchant vessel Derbyshire, sank without trace in the South China Sea in

1980. Another, the Type Bridge, suffered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982 and her crew had to he taken by belicopter to safety.

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An immiry by Lloyd's Register found that the ship had not been built according to the designer's plans and all other ships in that class were substantially modified.

Since 1980 the families of those who died on the Derbyshire had been fighting a campaign to persuade the Department of Transport to have a formal inquiry into the tragedy.

partment of Transport to have a formal inquiry into the tragedy. Could the minister confirm that when the surveyor examined the Kowloon Bridge m Bantry Bay he instructed the captain that it would be unsafe to proceed? Would the report of the proceed? the investigation into her sinc-tural damage be compared with the structural faults in the Tyne Bridge? Would the remaining ships in the class be inspected? In view of the concern felt by MPs on all sides of the House and by relatives of those who died on the Derbyshire, was it not now time to lay the matter to rest?

Mr Spicer said that in the case of the Derbyshire there was simply no evidence to go on because she had sank without trace. But there had been a detailed investigation into the sinking of the Derbyshire. There had been no whitewash.

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The issue now was whether there was anything more to find out. Formal investigations were elaborate and expensive proce-dures and there had to be good life.
The vessel eventually drifted on lo rocks near Bahimore after reason to have them.

Worries in Nato over ships loss

plications of the sharp drop in merchant tonnage among mem-bers of Nato has led to a decision to devote part of an early meeting of Nato ministers to discussing the issue. The North Atlantic Council,

the Nato ministerial body, meets on December 12, but the agenda was said by a Nato spokesman yesterday to be confidential. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the

Prime Minister, said in a written Commons reply that she ex-pected an early discussion of the matter in the North Atlantic

Sir Edward du Cann (Taunton, C) had asked the Prime Minister four questions reflecting concern about the defence implica-British and Nato merchant

year the total tomage of the Nato merchant fleets fell by 30.7 million deadweight tonnes.

"The Nato Planning Board for Ocean Shipping has drawn the attention of the North Atlantic Council to the implications for the Allience of this tions for the Alliance of this wend, and indicated possible remedial measures.

"There are sufficient vessels to meet Ministry of Defence requirements. The ability of the fleet to meet those requirements is monitored closely by the Ministry of Defence as Department of Transport."

As the Alliance had a longstanding agreement to pool merchant shipping in time of war, the availability of merchant shipping to meet civil supply needs had to be assessed in terms of the capability of Nato.

Transport policies defended

might be made shortly.

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number of calls and gave his

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C)

said that there had been trials in the United States of ATZ which, it was suggested, while not curing Aids, could delay its

The Wellcome Foundation was putting great resources into the development work, and de-

spite contrary reports, there were adequate supplies for clinical trials in Britain. Any delay was to ensure that the trials were

was to ensure man the trials were properly set up.

Mr Fowler agreed that clinical trials were being set up. ATZ was not a care but it could prolong life and alleviate symmetres.

symptoms.
In earlier exchanges, Mrs
Marion Roe (Broxbourne, C)
asked whether any progress had
been made in development of

needles for drug addicts which

could not be reused.

Mrs Edwina Currie, UnderSecretary of State for Social
Services, said that it a matter of
considerable concern that Aids
and other diseases could be
passed on by reusable needles. It
was under consideration elsewhere and an announcement
might be made shortly.

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, defended his policies yesterday against complaints that lack of government strategy led to orders for British transport

systems going abroad. He conceded that Britain may be "a little slower" in getting new projects under way, but that was because of the democratic processes of inquiries which were sometimes frustrating.
This different attitude

and public opposition to major infrastructure pro-jects — had been brought bome to him when sitting across to the table from his European counterparts and discussing such issues as the Channel tunnel, he said. Giving evidence to a House

of Lords sub-committee investigating innovation in surface transport. Mr Moore assured peers that his department took a long-term view and was not confined by the three-year public spending circle.

Companies bave complained to the sub-committee about the department's lack of strategy over the sort of research and development they should be carrying out. Mr Moore accepted that there had been allegations about poor communications between the department, local government and industry, but consultations were going on. In written evidence to the

peers, the department set out the advances which will dictate the future of transport in Britain, mainly through the use of information technology. Alternatives to steel, for example, will mean lighter, more fuel-efficient vehicles. It added that the recent collapse of oil prices has meant it is unlikely that any alternative to the internal combustion engine will be found before the end of the

Defence 'will be the main issue'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor The Labour Party is fully

prepared to let defence become the central issue of the next election, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher intends, despite the party's drubbing on the issue at the 1983 election. Labour's Director of Communications, Mr Peter Man-

delson, said at the launch yesterday of a book on the 1983 election that the issue would not be fought in the same way next time and set out Labour's strategy for countering the Tory onslaught, a strategy that will be given a dummy run on the visit to the United States this coming weekend by the party

leader, Mr Neil Kinnock In 1983, Mr Mandelson said, the electorate were in a war-happy mood after the Falklands and were receptive to the Government's setting the agenda on defence. The Labour Party were disunited on the issue and its

opponents were able to give the impression that the choice was between one party offering to defend Britain and another offering no defence. Next time it would be

different. It would be a choice between two versions of patriotism, with the Conservative Government willing to spend money on the Trident missile system while forced to cut back on conventional arms spending and Labour dismissing the nuclear deterrent as obsolete and preferring to spend the money on frigates, fighter planes and new weaponry for the Army.

In a candid appraisal of In the book, Mr Michael Labour's disaster in 1983, Mr Pinto-Duschinsky, senior lec-Mandelson agreed with the opinion of the former Conservative Party chairman, Mr. election spending totals at Cecil Parkinson, that the most £3.8 million for the Conserremarkable feature of the campaign was the "ineptitude and fundamental muddle" of the Labour campaign effort.

Labour was already further advanced with its election campaign this time around



strategy this time. than it had been when the last

election started. It had professional advisers to match the Conservatives' Saatchi and Saatchi, it was already filming its party political broadcasts for the campaign and the party leader's movements had already been

Parkinson claims that stories of a £20million Conservative war chest at the last election were a myth. "In fact we started the campaign with £200,000 in one account and an overdraft in the other." He says that the party spent

very little more than the Labour Party and at yesterday's press conference Mr Ivor Crewe, Professor of Government at Essex University. said that the Conservative advantage in money terms was really "quite slight".

turer in government at Brunel University, puts the central vatives, £2.3 million for Labour and £1.95 million for the Alliance parties.
Political Communications: The General Election Compaign of 1983, edited by Ivor Crewe and

Martin Harrop (Cambridge University Press; £25),

'Double standards' accusation Government attacked over 'sham' CAP budget

The following is a summary of yesterday's debate on the budgets of the European Economic mmunity.

Community.

The Government was attacked from all sides in the Commons during the debate.

Six Edward du Cann accused the Government of double standards and described the budget as a sham. Dr Oonagh McDonald, from the Labour benches, said that it was an observity that that it was an obscenity that millions of tonnes of surplus food went to waste in storage while the poor in the EEC found while the poor in the ELL lound it difficult to pay the prices of some of these foods and people in the Third World starved. She said that storage costs continued to rocket. That obscenity would create a crisis

on the Community. Dr McDonald, an Opposition spokesman on treasury and economic affairs, was speaking for the Opposition after Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State, Treasury, had moved a motion taking note of nine sets of EEC

documents on the budget procedures for 1986 and 1987. He referred to the European Court judgment that the European Parliament bad exceeded its powers in adopting the 1986 budget and that the budget procedure was incomplete and should be completed in ac-cordance with the Treaty. He

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debates on deregulation and on the dispute at J.E. Hanger & Co.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the arts and on the state of academic

recalled that the Council of Ministers and the Parliament had reached agreement on a new budget in July.

"We are only half way through the budget procedure for 1987", he said.

There were big problems on the 1986 budget because of the prospective revenue shortfall and on the 1987 budget, in particular because of the big overrun of common agricultural policy strending. policy spending.
The negotiations ahead are likely to be time-consuming and

difficult. But a good start has been made." Dr McDonald moved an Opposition amendment viewing with concern the increase in agricultural spending and noting that the 1986 budget exhausted the Communities' own resources

income. The amendment called on the Government to restrict the spending of the Community in 1987 to sources of income already approved by the House. She said that the 1986 budget had been a farce. The difficulties of 1986 would carry over into 1987. The 1987 budget could best be described as stopgap.

As for the British presidency of the Council of Ministers, The Times had said of the CAP today

It was not surprising that that should be the assessm hould be the assessment.
The Prime Minister had said on her return from Fontaine-blean in June 1984 that she had secured budgetary discipline. The Opposition told her that budgetary discipline could not

that as the end of that six-month

presidency came near "we have little to show for this opportu-

hity of carrying out any sort of

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work without reform of the CAP. "We have been proved right already in 1986. We will be proved right again in 1987." Sir Edward on Cann (Taunton, C) said that the the budget was bogus and a sham. "Everyone knows that this budget will not be kept to. It is common knowledge that there will be an overrun. What is clear is that the pressure is always upwards.

"This is not a budget in the

"This is not a bodget in the ordinary sense. It is misleading so to describe it. The spending side is out of control." They would have to come back for more money. The European

Parliament was not going to do anything to prevent that process. It was no watchdog.

"Even these high levels have only been achieved by accountonly bein scheened by schooling adjustments. Creative ac-counting is the professional term for it. Fiddling the books is the vulgar term."

The truth was that an start had been made on reform. The whole nation knew it. The Government was practis

ing double standards. In his

autumn statement, the Chan-cellor had been priding himself

on his ability to control public expenditure. When it came to control of EEC expenditure, there was noty apparent indifference. In his budget statement, the Chancellor said that the figure for 1986-87 of the UK net contribution would be about 2600 million. In the antumn statement, the figure was revised

£1,000 million.
"For all the talk, for all the understandings and all the boasts and all the promises, our payments are at an all-time high and the House has again been The CAP represented mismanagement on the grandest possible scale. If there was no

reform of this sacred cow, it had been said, the cereal surplus would double by 1991.

"Year after year this sov-ereign Parliament is expected to acquiesce supluely in this state of affairs and is expected to write another blank cheque. It is high time to say: No, we have had enough of this," he said.

There were no propossis for

renurgh or ins, he said.

There were no proposals for recomparent and none for any sort of budgetry controls, both of which had been promised. It would be right, therefore, to say that this Parliament would not approve the budget until the undertakings it had been given, were kept.

Sir Russell Johnston (Inverness. Nairn and Lochaber, L) said there was no doubt the Commumity was facing its gravest crisis which, if not resolved within a year or two with at least guidelines for reform, could lead to the break-up of the Com-

the greatest criticism because not until the dramatic story in The Times that morning had it taken a lead in looking for ways to bring production down and deal with the soaring costs of intercentiate. Mr Eric Deakins (Waitham-stow, Lah) said that the present CAP system was absurd because

it was open-ended. It was even more absurd considering that the Council of Ministers had decided recently that any excess agricultural expenditure in one year should be clawed back in subsequent years. subsequent years. Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C: This is a pretty useless thate because whatever we agree tonight will not have the slightest effect on EEC spen-

ding.
The crucial point is that what

The crucial point is that what we are discussing is a wholly begus hudget. There is not the slightest chance of the budget being kept to the legal maximum declared in the budget."

Common Market spending was totally out of control and there was absolutely nothing the Government, on present policies, could do about it. The Common Market was now spending more Market was now spending more than £100 million every week on storing, dumping or destroying foodstuffs. The average British family was having to spend £13 n week because of the cost of the

The only hope of contain EEC expenditure and improving the Common Market, and the only hope for British agriculture, was for the Government, instead of trying to fiddle the figures with its European friends and come up with devices to get through the legal limits, to repatriate agriculture from the Common Market. Repatriation of agriculture

would improve the Common Market, not wreck it. The Opposition amendmen was rejected by 174 votes to 82 - Government majority, 92, and the Government metion

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Student grants so poor that youngsters opt for training, MPs are told

Student grants are so inadequate that 16-year-olds are noting for the ready cash of the Youth Training Scheme rather than higher education, MPs were told yesterday.

The present grants system was so inadequate, uncertain and complex that higher education was becoming the preserve of the middle and noper classes.

Some students on courses were so poor that they were in danger of vitamin deficiency, while university and polytechnic hardship funds were ciose to exhaustioa".

In evidence to the education select committee, university and polytechnic teachers and vice-principals continued the litany of criticism of the Government's grants policy that had been begun in previous hearings by the National Union of Students and by the local education authorities.

Almost without exception they have deplored the 20 per cent cut in real terms in student grants since 1979. They have emphasized that that cut has been worsened by increases in costs of books and accommodation well above the inflation rate, by the failure of parents in nearly 50 per cent of cases to pay their parental contributions in part or in full, by effective cuts in the social security benefits and travel grants payable to students, and by the lack of

and £62,000 a year are to be

given performance related in-

crements to prevent them

being tempted to jobs in the

The change, which will at

first affect the 7,617 members

of the Association of First

Division Civil Servants, is

also in live with the

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ductivity.

Teachers, said yesterday that there was now an "unpre-cedented" level of student hardship. "The situation is quite critical," he said.

A colleague, Dr Bill Stephenson, a member of the AUT executive, cited evidence of 16-year-olds preferring the immediate cash grants available on the YTS rather than the "long slog" of two more years at school followed by the financial hardship of being a student.

In its submission to the committee, the AUT argued that the inadequacies of the grants were "barriers to access, and particularly to those groups which have traditionally not taken up higher education - the working class, women, ethnic minorities. mature students and the disabled"

That was substantiated by Mr Fred Holliday, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, who said that the present complex system was frightening away low-income families.

"If we can bring in the same proportion of students from the working classes as the middle classes this country would have a marvellous reservoir of talent," he said. Mr Holliday, representing the Committee of Vice-Chan-

cellors and Principals, spoke of students approaching welfare officers and tutors in increasing oumbers with fin-Mr Paul Cottrell, assistant ancial problems, of rising tion is to give evidence to general secretary of the levels of stress, and of students committee next Tuesday.

By Tim Jones

ented people have left for

Prime Minister has agreed

that the top grade two and

three Civil Servants should

have their pay linked to-

performance, after a recom-

mendation last year by the

worked out and agreed with the unions, Cabinet and Trea-

sury ministers are considering.

Although the mechanics of

Top Salaries Review Board.

It is understood that the

higher salaries elsewhere.

High-flying Civil Servants that some particularly tal-who earn between £14,318 ented people have left for

Government's philosophy the system have yet to be that pay should be related to worked out and agreed with

The Government denies linking incremental pay rises

that there is anything like a more to performance, en-

ing the service but concedes stages in the pay scale.

"flood" of high achievers leav- abling better talents to jump

being too poor to eat properly. "Vitamin deficiency in students is not now beyond the bounds of possibility," he

"Students have begun to turn to the banks for support. An informal loan system ap-pears to operate already as it is commonplace for students to have overdrafts, often running at an average of £300 to £500. There are cases of overdrafts as high as £2,*** to £3,000 by the completion of the cours

The Committee of Directors of Polytechnics said that polytechnic students were particularly badly affected and that "in some cases hardship funds are close to exhaustion". Polytechnics were legally restrained from subsidizing food and accommodation. Up to 70 per cent of parents

with children at polytechnics were failing to pay their parental contributions, comnared with under 50 per cent of university parents, while a derisory" 11 per cent of polytechnic students were drawn from the lowest social classes. Dr Raymond Rickett, Di-rector of Middlesex Poly-

technic, said that polytechnics were no longer able to attract "a sizeable chunk" of the population from backgrounds where higher education was not traditional and where there was pressure to start earning as early as possible.

The Department of Education is to give evidence to the

Miss Mueller added: "This

is a major cultural change. It

will take time."

Pay rethink at Civil Service

An indication of government thinking was given re-cently by Miss Anne Mueller, second permanent secretary to the Management and Personnel Office of the Civil Service. bottles to identify them. She said: "Motivation is partly about pay, and the Civil

Service has to address that December, when a Thomas issue. We have begun to relate Jefferson engraved 1787 Chapay to performance but have teau-Lafite fetched £120,000, still a long way to go in but the wine is now useless as shaping the pay system so as to reward the good performers the cork slipped into it while on exhibition. suitably more than the less

Other lots in the sale of ighteenth and nineteenth centmy wines include an 1832 Chateau-Lafite, expected to



Mr Michael Broadbent, head of Christie's wine department, with the 1784 Chatean d'Yquem (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Rarest wine for auction

The world's rarest wine is to be auctioned in London next week and is expected to fetch at least £50,000.

The 1784 Chatean d'Yquem was one of three bottles discovered in Paris last year and is the oldest known wine from this famous vineyard in the

Santernes region. It is also the oldest ever to be offered for sale and bidding is expected to be intense at Christie's on December 4.

The bottle, which bears the initials TH J, was bought by Thomas Jefferson in 1787. when he was US ambassador to Paris. Wines were not labelled and be insisted his initials were cut into the

The world record for a bottle of wine was achieved last

raise £2,000, size known and Sotheby's

Greek goddess's £923,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

week. Two private collectors,

one American and one Euro-

pean, fought for possession,

steadily capping each other's

hids. America won.

Brancusi. Picasso and com-. estimate was probably out by pany made the clear, clean a factor of eight or nine. ines of primitive sculpture The statuette came from the fashionable. With a collection of James Johnson reardelay the market has Sweeney whose superh modenthusiastically eodorsed ern pictures broke records at their taste by running an 8in ocolithic sculpture from the Sothehy's in New York last

Greek islands to an unheard of 1,320,000 (£923,000). Sotheby's in New York offered the little crosslegged marble goddess for sale oo Monday with a pre-sale es-timate of \$40,000-\$60,000. The bidding soared beyond their dreams, setting a new auctioo price record for any art work of antiquity.

The little goddess does oot have much in the way of features. Her arms stick out at right angles and her crossed egs are indicated by grooves in the rounded base.

Sotheby's date ber to about 5000 - 3500BC and describe her as Cycladie while admitting that she may have come from the Pelopoonese. She is thought to depict the Great

There are said to be only eight or nine images of this The little sculpture that reached a record price

The winning bid is believed to have come from Mrs Leon Levy, wife of a leading Wall Street financier who has a distinguished collection of antiquities. The uoder bidder is thought to have been Mr George Ortiz, a wealthy collector io the same field.

The other big price io the sale was the \$451,000 (estimate \$75,000-\$125,000) nr £315,000 paid by a European dealer for a two-foot Assyrian gypsum relief fragment depicting a winged guardian divinity with an austere countenance and massive beard. The sale totalled £1,892,711 with 5 per cent unsold.

At Christie's in London vesterday the 'Breadalbane' Ameo glass sold for £28,600 (estimate £12,000-£15,000) to a private collector. 'Amen' glasses, engraved with the national anthem are the most

famous Jacobite memorials. This example is thought to have been bought in the early nineteeoth century by the Second Marquess of Breadalbane. The morning glass sale made £192,417 with I per cent

Tax plea to save art for nation

By Gavin Bell

A broad strategy is urgently required for safeguarding works of art for the nation, or Brian Morris, chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commissinn, has

In his annual report published yesterday, Professor Morris welcomed government decisinns to scrap the ceiling for acceptances of works of art in lieu of tax, and to allow companies to offset large char-

itable donations against tax.
However he said that more should be done in that directioo.

"There is a need, if casualties are to be minimized, for better co-ordination and planning, clearer nbjectives and more systematic information," Professor Marris said.

He called specifically for a quicker response to offers io lieu, for related tax and VAT changes, and for tighter export controls. Together, these changes would have a dramatic effect, and could be achieved at relatively little

cost Two further incentives were required to enable public collections to compete with

overseas huyers: Single danations to a mushould qualify for tax relief, in

the same way as donations by companies: National and independent museums should be able to recover VAT on their acquisition purchases: the effect of the present system was to eocourage contemporary art-

ists and dealers to sell abroad. Professor Morris also called for increased funding for the Area Museum Councils, to provide local institutions with the advice and specialist services they occded to develop as centres for education and recreation, as well as tourist attractions

"We are not crying for the moon, we know the minister does not carry it in his pocket, only for 20 per cent more, say £400,000, next year."

Last year the commission made 645 grants, totalling £1.7 millioo, to museums and galleries throughout the country for purchases, cooservatioo and maintenance. Its allocation from oext year's arts hudget is expected to be announced next month.

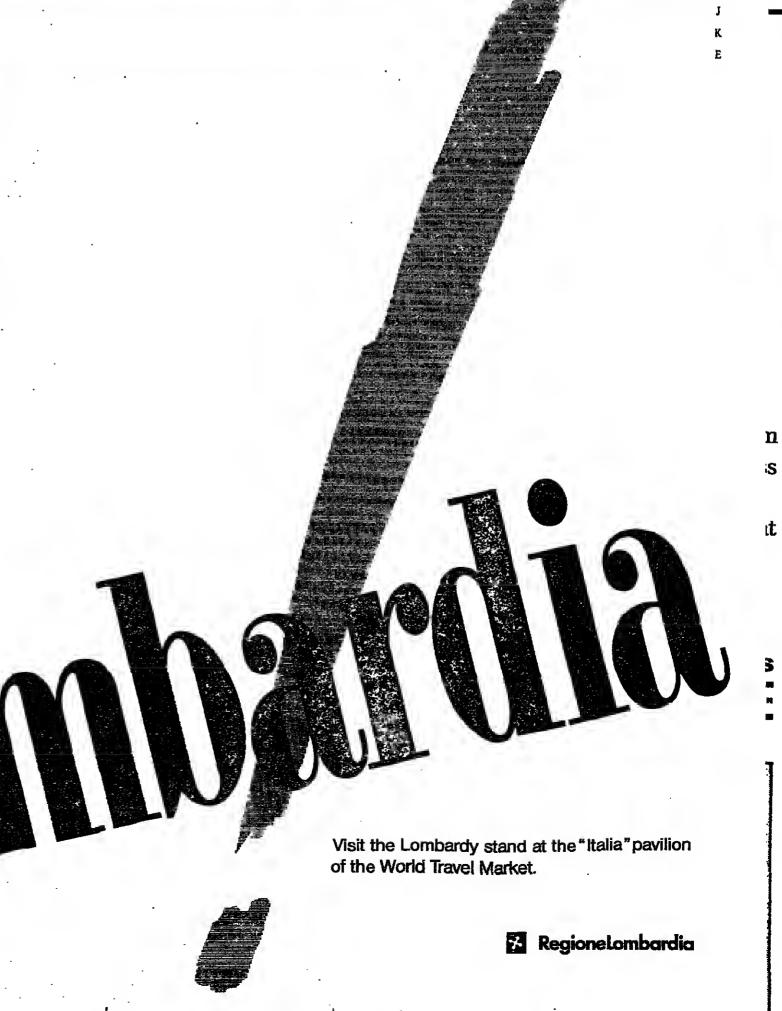
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Bradford FC says it did not receive adequate warning of fire hazards

area principal inspector for the the Health and Safety

the hazard at the stadium had

first been recognized in 1980

but in the succeeding four years nothing had been done about it, Mr Glasgow said. He added: "Mr Laird said

he did not trust the club because they had not done what they had said they would do but he does nothing be

cause he trusts to fate and ignoring elaborate liaison with the fire brigade just presumes

they will act".

That Mr Laird had judged that because of the thickness

of timber in the stand there

was no serious risk showed a

serious misjudgement or dem-

Mr Glasgow said.

onstrated him unfit for his job,

in 1984 did nothing to ring alarm bells among club direc-

Also letters sent to the chub

West Yorkshire County

ction to the situation at

Council was also criticized by

Mr Glasgow who described its

Valley Parade as similar to the

Club's plea for fair sharing of blame

Bradford City Football Club Executive and the now devesterday pleaded for an impartial and dispassionate apportionment of the blame it David Britton who was inmust shoulder for the worst

Being given its first public opportunity to outline its version of the events at Valley Parade in Bradford on May 11, 1985, was more important to the club than the multimillion pounds pay out in damages it may face, the High Court sitting in Leeds was

An impassioned plea that the club whose directors and members still lived receive the same judicial fairness as the 56 spectators who burnt to death was made by Mr Edwin Glasgow, junior counsel reparations and it had been actively lulled into a false resenting the club.

part in events leading up to the substantial contribution to disaster came on the eleventh day of the hearing to determine liability for the deaths in a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher whose husband, John, aged 34, son Andrew, aged 11, brother-in-law Peter and his father, Fdrund, aged 64 died in the Edmund, aged 64, died in the

Bringing a similar claim for liability against the football club, the Health and Safety funct West Yorkshire County Council is Police Sergeant David Britton who was injured in the fire while trying to rescue victims. His case is being supported by the Police

Federation.
Summing up for the club
Mr Glasgow admitted it could
not be seriously disputed that
all three defendants were at fault. The only issue was what legal liability should be attached to each defendant and

what proportion of the blame they should carry.

Mr Glasgow said that had proper warning been given to the football club about the notential hazard present in its sense of security and therefore His defence of the club's both public bodies made a what occurred.

> pression to be given about the liaison which existed between them and the county council who were also the local fire

In evidence Mr John Laird,



Chief Iusp Charles Mawson with his wife, June, at Buckingham Palace.

Palace honour for heroes

saved scores of lives at the Bradford City fire disaster collected gallantry awards from the Queen yesterday at

Buckingham Palace. Recipients at the ceremony who received the Queen's Gallantry Medal were: Police

visitors is reflected by the duty owed too by those public

stable door being repeatedly slammed shut after the horse had already botted. Both the Health and Safety Executive and local authority "We are not trying to say that anyone owed the club a duty, we are merely saying the duty owed by the club to its their negligence must be re-lated by their failure to per-

Sergeant David Britton; Mr Richard Gough, an installa-tion engineer from Shipley; Mr David Hustler, aged 47, an assistant supermarket man-ager, also from Shipley, Police Constable Richard Ingham, Chief Inspector Charles Maw-

form their statutory duties" Mr Glasgow spoke scathingly of the "magic wand of policy wielded with great Executive and local authority desterity by the county are creatures of statute and council's fairy godmother", a reference to Mr Keith God-

The Queen's Commenda-tion for Brave Conduct was presented to: PC Peter Barrett; Mr Michael Bland, aged 27, an asbestos remover from Bradford; Mr Timothy Leigh, and PC David Midgeley.

son and Chief Inspector Ter-

county council, and said that "those whose eyes were cur-rently blinkered will now have them forced open by the amount of damages which

The case continues today

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£62,000 damages against police after man's death

snow a week after the police took him from his home after a domestic dispute was awarded £62,537 in damages

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yesterday.
Lord McCluskey was told at the Court of Session in Edinburgh that the police failed to take reasonable care of Mr Anthony Wilson, aged 26, a scaffolder, and exposed him to

unnecessary risk.

Mrs Jennifer Wilson, aged
30, of Jubilee Avenue, Deans,
Livingston, had sued the chief constable of Lothian and Borders police and two of his constables for £135,000 for herself and her three children.

She claimed the police should have known that in her husband's intoxicated state, and with the cold weather, he would have difficulty in find-

ing his way home.

Mr Wilson was taken from their home, formerly in Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, at 5am, on January 5, 1982, but was released from the police car on a lonely country road on the outskirts of the city. He died from hypothermia and was later

found in a snow-covered field. Lord McCluskey said he concluded that death was caused by a breach of common law duty. There was no evidence to suggest that Mr Wilson had been deliberately released in a remote area to

The police denied at the hearing that they were neg-ligent during the incident.

It was plain from the evidence, Lord McCluskey said, that PC James Halliday, aged 38, had taken charge of the incident and the judge absolved the second officer, PC Ian Dees aged 32 of blame. lan Deas, aged 32, of blame. Both men are still serving constables in the force.

A spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said yes-terday: "The chief constable has received a copy of Lord McCluskey's opinion.

Our legal representatives are considering it, with a view to determining whether there should be an appeal.

The two officers were sub-

jected to formal disciplinary proceedings in 1982." The family of Mr Michael Burdon, a Scottish property executive, who died after a road accident in Northumberland in August 1984, were awarded £255,000 agreed damages in the High Court

His widow, Mrs Gail Burdon, aged 30, of Rockwell Grove, Manse Road, Linlithgow. Lothian, will receive £180,000. The other £75,000 will be added to an existing trust fund for the couple's daughter, Caroline, aged four. Mr Burdon died in a head-on

'Blackmail of Harrods owner'

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Ali Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, has been named as the victim of an alleged £500,000 blackmail attempt.

Yesterday Mr Abbas Al-Bassan, aged 28, an Iraqi electronics student at Loughborough College, was charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court with making an unwarranted demand in a letter to Mr Al-Fayed.

He was released on bail, with a condition that he deposited £5,000 at the court. Mr Al-Bassan was also or-

Walk, Hulme, Manchester. Harrods was taken over by the Al-Fayed Investment Trust in November 1984 from House of Fraser in a £138 mil-

lion deal. The company is controlled by Mr Ali Al-Fayed and his brother, Muhammad, who come from one of the wealthiest families in Egypt.

Doctors accused of fraud

A husband-and-wife team of doctors was accused yesterday of receiving cash for fictitious treatment.

Dr Susan Openshaw, a Somerset county councillor, faces three charges of dishonestly claiming a total of £18 for carrying out smear tests for cervical cancer on

Her husband, Dr William Openshaw, medical officer at Millfield School in Street, Somerset, was charged with obtaining £60 in the name of a patient through a falsified maternity services claim.

Mr Al-Bassan was also or-dered to surrender his pass-port and any other travel documents to police and told to live at his home in Epping Walk. Hulme, Manchester. the names of three patients.

It was alleged that the two
GPs, who work at Glastonry Health Clinic, have defrauded Somerset Family

> total of £250. Magistrates at Glastonbury adjourned the case, which was heard in the couple's absence antil December 23.

Practitioners Committee of a

Science report

Doctors discover why people snore

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

laboratory have found that

They have found that differences between people's lung capacity and the shape of their pharynx explain why some snore -- it is similar to the way er and resonance of a musical organ depends on the size of its bellows and the ign of its pipes.

the effect of variations in the cape and size of the cavity at the back of the nose and the mouth, which forms the phar-ynx and found the pharyux vas smaller in snorers than in

The investigation by doctors from three hospitals and the University of Toronto in Canada showed how snoring became a medical condition in individuals, because it nterfered with breathing and

The 25 volunt ers examined

There were 10 whose sleep was disturbed because of obstructions to breathing when they sucred. Another six sucred, but suffered no restric-tion in breathing. A third control group of nine non-snorers was used in the

The doctors' fir described in the latest issue of

snoring was established first by monitoring each person in overnight stays at the sleep

were awake. Those who snored distinguished from those who did not by a narrowing of the pharyax while breathing.

by a team working with Dr Donglas Bradley, of Toronto General Hospital, were all The New England Journal of Medicine Volume 315. P 1327-

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UP AGAINST TIME by Jeanne Willis and Trevor Melvin



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WORLD SUMMARY

British TV dominates US Emmy awards

Britain took three of the five 1986 International TV Emmy Awards announced in New York yesterday (Chrsitopher Thomas writes). Japan and Canada took the other two

The award is presented by the US Academy of TV Arts and Sciences. Shadowlands, the BBC production about writer CS Lewis, took the drama award. The programme, set in 1950, centres on a fan letter the author received from an American woman who transformed his life.

The documentary prize went to Channel 4's production of Chasing a Rainbow: the life of Josephine Baker, which reassembled from film photographs and paintings the life of the cabaret star. French resistance fighter, civil rights activist and friend of the rich and powerfu

Independent Central Television's Spiriting Image, the satirical show using pappers to lampoon prominent people, woo the popular Arts category.

Canadian Broadcasting Company's The Kids of Degrassi Street: Griff gets a hand won the children's division. The se-ries fallows the adventures of a group of children from East

The Japan Broadcasting Corporation's Bejart-s Kabuki Ballet received the performing Arts Award.

Captain

Tel Aviv (Rester) - An

Israeli sea captain accused of forcing n Kenyan stow-

away onto a makeshift raft

off the East African coast

in 1982 was acquitted yes-terday of endangering hu-man life but convicted on

A Haifa District Court

transporting a man in a

The court said Captain

Gilad did not intend to

harm the Kenyan seaman,

whose fate is unknown. He

faces up to nine years jail.

dangerous vehicle.

guilty

lesser charges

Diplomat defects

Bonn - A first secretary at the Chinese Embassy in Bonn and his wife have asked for political asylum in West Germany, it was disclosed yesterday (John England writes).

Early reports said the couple had apreached the International Society for Human Rights, in Bonn, and said they were dissatisfied with the communist system in China. The diplomat was said to

have been in charge of the embassy's economic affairs

The defection is the first by a Chinese diplomat in West Germany.

Police free family

Lisbon - Two escaped prisoners held a Portugese family hostage near Loule, in the Algarve, for more than a monthand-a-half before being captured by the police on Monday (Martha de la Cal writes).

The Cavaco cousins, José and Vitor, were in a band of six prisoners who broke out of Portugal's high security Pinheiro da Cruz prison on July 28, killing three guards and wounding

After evading police for nearly three months the Cavacos broke into the home of Senhor Rogelio de Brito, a municipal gardener in Loule, and held him and his French wife, their six-year-old daughter and his 73-year-old mother hostage under pain of death for more than six weeks.

On Monday police surrounded the house. The Cavacos, outnumbered, surrendered and turned over their guns.



Sidon (AP) - Street fighting raged to a strategie hilltop town in south Lebanon on

Tuesday as Shia Muslim militiamen tried to dislodge PLO guerrillas from highlands

At least one Palestinian was killed and 24 others were wounded, police said. Themainstream Shia Amal militia of Mr Nabih Berri, the

Justice Minister, broke into

the eastern part of Magdoushe

and recaptured at least one-

Amal claimed it had re-

Reporters and photograph-

captured the town, about three

miles south-east of the port

ers were unable to get into Magdoushe, but said they could see smoke billowing

from several parts of the town.

Shia militiamen mounted the

counter-offensive from the coastal town of Ghazieh and

the inland village of Angoun.

flew several reconnaissance

missions overnight, appar-

ently to monitor the fighting.

In Damascus, representat-

the Lebanese Com-

ives of the warring groups met again yesterday. Mr George

munist Party leader, who at-

tended the meeting, said they

were "about to reach a

settlement" that could end the

At least 40 people were

They said Israeli helicopters

Police said thousands of

city of Sidon.

captured a day earlier.

Galvin for Nato

Washington - US Army General Bernard Rogers is expected to retire as Nato year and to be replaced by General John Galvin, left, C-in-C. US Southern Com-mand in Panama, (Mohsin Ali writes).

A Pentagon spokesman, firm a report that General Galvin would take over

Job for tragedy ship

collision with the Andrea Doria in 1951 may end its days as a hostel for refugees (Tony Samstag writes).

Norwegian officials confirmed yesterday that negotiations were in progress for purchase of the American-owned Stockholm, renamed Volker after the tragedy, which claimed

more than 50 lives. The ship, currently at Southampton, would accommodate 600 people, relieving pressure on another vessel used for the purpose in the harbour at Drammen, southwest of Oslo. Like its Scandinavian neighbours Denmark and Sweden, Norway has been reeling under a recent influx of refugees as other European countries tighten up on immigration policies. More than 3,000 refugees — mostly from Iran, Eritrea and Chile — have entered the country this year.

It can take up to six mouths for a political asylum application to be heard and, in a country that prides itself on its tradition of hospitality, most are accepted in any case.

White House crisis: • Poindexter resigns •

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President Reagan, facing the biggest storm of his presidency over claudestine arms ship-ments to Iran, which have forced Admiral John Poindexter's resignation.

Two Reagan aides go in Iran

arms deal money scandal

ing his dismissal from the NSC.

resigned after Mr Meese was

told of the Cootra connection,

soon as Mr Meese found out

The President refused to an-

swer reporters' questions ves-

terday, except to say defiantly

whether his Iran policy had

initial congressional re-

action was one of shock and outrage. Mr Jim Wright, the Democratic majority leader in

the House of Reprentatives,

said Congress would insist oo

investigating the matter and bring it all out into the

He said that between \$3

million and \$4 million from

North, who was questioned extensively by the Justice Department over the weekend, is now expected to retire from the Marine Corps follow—

The don't like to differ with the arms sale was not accounted for. It "defies credibility" that Colonel North was acting oo his own in handling the deal, he added.

"I don't like to differ with the resident, but I believe there is still some continuing evidence of Iranian involvement with terrorism," he said.

beeo a mistake.

when asked again

is returning to the Navy.

Admiral Poindexter, who

Mr Reagan was told about

this latest twist in the affair as the actions of his NSC staff are

Jerusalem's role

Man in the News

Background of an 'invisible man'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

for long the "invisible man" in the National Security Council, has been at the centre of the crisis over the Iran arms a PhD in suclear physics from shipment. As the public furore the California Institute of shipment. As the public farore shipment. As the protect interest grew, his exposed position became increasingly intolerable. He left yesterday, requesting a transfer back to the Navy, with no successor, with complete disarray in the NSC and with new and deviced a connections of illegal. astating accusations of illegal-ity hanging over him.

The embarrassing end of his public career came amid the worst crisis the Reagan Administration has faced. And Admiral Poindexter, like the loyal naval officer he is, accepted responsibility to pro-tect the President from the devastating charges that are now being made.

Mr Reagan himself admit-ted that he had not been "directly involved". The President did, however, admit two weeks ago that he may have 'miscalculated" over whom he could trust in Iran. The admission came after increasingly bitter criticism from Congress and the press at the way the NSC was run during his 11 months in office. There were charges that the body had abused its power, by-passed the regular accountable government agencies and engaged in a number of high-risk, have brained operations, ranging from secret involvement with American mercenaries fighting against Nicar-agus to the "disinformation" campaign against Libya.

In all this, Admiral Poin-dexter, a man who preferred to work in the background and who rarely gave press inter-views, counselled a policy of not disclosing the details of the fran operation. But it was too late. Even his predecessor, Mr Robert McFariane, called on him to speak out. And the latest disclosure of the illegal ioboning off of money for the Nicaragaan rebels, organized with the full knowledge of his chief adviser, Colonel Oliver North, made his departure inevitable.

Admiral Poindexter, aged 50, was the 14th National

Admiral John Poindexter, was established in 1953. He graduated from the US Naval Academy after coming top in his class and in 1964 he earned

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In his naval career, to which he now returns, he commanded a guided missile cruiser and a destroyer squadron and in 1971 became an aide to the Secretary of the Navy. In 1978, he served as deputy chief of naval education and chief of naval operations, be-fore moving to the NSC three years later.

He was a surprise choice when he took over from Mr McFarlane, because of his lew-key approach and his inck of political weight, considered essential to resolve the chronic conflicts between the Pentagon and the State Department. But many inside the NSC were pleased with his utilitary pragapproach, his energy and his intellect.

However, he failed to estab-lish a political base in his 11 months in office.

like McFarlane, he rarely consulted them or explained White House thinking. The press found him elusive. And he did not play a big role in the vital question of arms control policy, or succeed in stopping the fending between factions is the Administration.

masterminded several spectacular successes: the interception of the Egyptian sirliner carrying the Achille Lauro hijackers and, more recently, the strike against Libys.

But later operations back-fired. He was blamed for giving poor advice on South Africa. His memorandum of destabilizing Colonel Cadaffi, the Libyau leader, caused a big row because of his apparent readiness to engage in a companies of disinformation. And finally, the disastrons connection between the Iranion arms sale and the illegal funding of the Coutras in Nicaragua was what has prompted a full-scale Presi-dential inquiry into the body

Three ships hit in Iraqi raid on Larak Island

Bahrain (Renter) - Iraqi said 30 civilians were killed. jets yesterday attacked six Iraq said one of the Dezful targets in western Iran and flew a 1,560-mile round trip to attack the Larak Island oil terminal at the mouth of the

Gulf for the first time... Gulf shipping sources said two Cypriot-registered supertankers were on fire at Larak and an Iranian tanker had also been hit. Iranian helicopters lifted casualties from the vessels, one source said.

A Baghdad High Command communique, calling the raid "a miracle and unique" said targets destroyed included "terminal buildings, storage tanks, oil tankers, equipment

and men". Another communique said jets simultaneously attacked an army base, an air base, training camps and a Hawk anti-aircraft missile batraiders was shot down

All the planes which took part in the Larak raid were reported to have returned safely to base. The high command did not say how many were on that mission.

Analysts said the distance flown suggested the Iraqi jets may have been refuelled in the

Larak is crucial to Iran's export strategy, which relies on tankers to shuttle oil down the Gulf to terminals at or

near its mouth.

Terminals near the mouth of the Gulf were thought to be out of Iraqi range until August 12, when a devastating raid on Sirri Island, some 110 nautical miles farther inside the Gulf, forced a shift of operations to

Larak. Since then, Iranian oil

exports have been signifi-

cantly reduced.

Israel acted two years ago

By Michael Evans Whitehall Correspondent

As Washington was rocked by the resignation of Admiral Joho Poindexter over the Iran arms deal fiasco, oew details emerged of the Israeli connection in the affair.

According to authoritative sources yesterday, the US Administration asked the Israeli Government about two years ago if it would support a pro-lranian policy in the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq.

Israel had already decided that it made both strategic and economic sense to try to keep links with Iran and backed the pro-Iranian school io Washington.

According to the sources, the Israeli Government had three key reasons for its decision to sell arms to Iran and to barter with Ayatoliah Kho-

meini's regime. The first was fear for the lives of 50,000 Jews in Iran. Although a oumber had managed to leave the country, the rest were considered by the

Israeli Government as poten-

tial hostages and it was de-cided to do everything possible to get them out of Iran. found Captain Avner Gilad, aged 59, guilty of aggravated assault and This included the sale of weapons to Iran, not directly, but through intermediaries. The sources said yesterday that all the arms deals carried out by licensed Israeli arms

> and then by Washington. The sources said: "The proper officials within the US Administratioo were informed of all the arms deals with Iran. No such deals could have taken place without the

dealers were first approved by the Defence Mioistry in Israel

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday that Israel had a policy of not selling arms to Iran, but was willing to make an exception to help a friend (Reuter reports from Jerusalem). His remarks were the closest Mr Shamir has come to publicly admitting that Israel was involved in the arms-for-hostages deal.

approval of the US. The trouble is that one hand knows what is going on and the other hand doesn't."

Israeli officials bartering with Iran to ao attempt to safeguard the lives of the 50,000 Jews and in the hope that one day they might win approval for their emigration

The second reason was economics. The sources said Iraq war was about \$100 billion (£71.4 billion) and the market for arms deals was

enormous. The sources said it was "the hottest weapons market in the world" and Israel could not ignore the opportunity.

The sources said that dealers were off-loading hundreds of tons of spare parts, from Phantom tyres to screws for fusclages.

American connection. The Israeli Government realized not make up his mind in 1983-84 whether to go for the pro-Iranian school in Washington, represented by the National Security Council, or the anti- and a tight circle of fellow

Battle rages in town captured by PLO

Colonel's shadowy world d from p wherever it showed its head. Lebanon.

Reagan Administration's decisioo to force down an Egyptian aircraft carrying the Arab terrorists who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship last

Continued from page 1

to-shoulder with him.

Cootras.

friends of the President that

Mr Shultz be sacked. But he

added poiotedly: 'I think ev-

istration owes it to the

president to stand shoulder-

TOW anti-tank missiles to

Iran, as well some 500 Hawk

anti-aircraft missiles and it is

not known what they paid, or

who legally owned the money

that was transferred to the

leaving today for his Califor-

nia ranch for the Thanks-

giving holiday, has ordered an

interim Justice Department

eport by Monday. No ooe in the Administra-

tioo other than Colooel North knew of the siphoning off of funds for the Contras. Colooel

President Reagan, who is

The US sent over 2,000

In Washingtoo circles, all that was really known about Colonel North amounted to cocktail circuit gossip, press speculation and some sketchy biographical background. Born in Texas, Oliver North

"Ollie" to friends - had The third reason was the graduated from the US Naval American connection. The Is-Academy in the late 1960s, opting for the Marines and the certainty of front-line duty in Vietnam. He emerged from the lost war with the scars of two wounds, America's third highest combat decoration Iranian school, represented by officers who shared his passionate belief that Com-

According to insiders, one of North's first assignments

with Marine Corps headquarters in Washington was to lead a detatachment of US troops into the mountains of Eastern Turkey in case they were needed in the bid (ultimately aborted) to free the captives io the American embassy in Tcheran.

A year later, he was whisked away from routine desk duties by fellow Marine and Vietnam veteran Robert McFarlane, then serving as the Reagan Administration's National Security Adviser. That particular wheel turned full circle with the revelation that McFarlane and North were working together again in attempts to use Iranian influence to secure the release of

Courtroom

trial for

Bokassa

Republic (Reuter) - The for-

va-Nzengue, said yesterday. He said the Central African

Republic had never officially

announced that the trial would be held in a converted

basketball stadium and ac-

cused international reporters

of manipulating information

Mr Bokassa, aged 65, will be

tried on charges including killing children, concealing corpses, assassination and embezziement before he was

toppled with the help of

Scores of television journal-

French troops in 1979.

about the trial.

Bangui, Central African

Those who have worked

Mr Wright said President Reagan told him he knew

nothing about the operation

until Monday afternoon.
The President's professed

ignorance of the whole affair

and lack of full control over

now likely to be a principal

Earlier disarray in the Admin-

istration deepened with an

extraordinary attack by the

State Department oo the Na-

mr John Whitehead, the

deputy Secretary of State, was

accused of "an act of open

rebellion" against the White

House after flatly contradict-

He denied the President's

claim last week that there was

no evidence of Iranian Gov-

ernment complicity in

ing the President

terrorism.

with the slender, bespectacled Colonel North insist that despite his considerable expertise on the ground, he is the antithesis of the "knuckle -dragging" school of covert operators. A quiet but articulate speaker, given to working back-breaking hours in his modest quarters next door to the White House, he is described as a decent, un-ashamed patriot (even if he does claim to be a descendant of Lord North, British Prime Minister of the day when America won its independ-

On the other hand, it seems elear that he believed, heart and soul, in Ronald Reagan's crusade against Communism

tery in and around Dezful in western Iran where officials

Britain's rapid deployment power

mer Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa will go on trial today in a court, not in a sports stadium, the Informatioo Minister, Mr Joaquim da Sil-Six RAF Tornado aircraft, landing through a shimmering beat haze around the island air base of Masirah in the Arabian Sea, yesterday marked a spectacularly successful phase of the important United King-dom-Omani military exercise, Saif Sareea. They had taken off from

bases in England more than 10 hours earlier and flew 4,200 miles non-stop, with each air-craft being refuelled up to seven times by Tristar tankers.

It was the longest non-stop flight ever made by the Tornadoes, and its success was a key element in achieving the main aim of the exercise, to demonstrate Britain's capability for a rapid strategic deployment out of a Nato area.

For the pilots and navigators it was a demanding ar-

ing officer of 229 Operational Conversion Unit based at Coningsby, was tired and nursing aching muscles when he climbed out of his cockpit, but said: "It was a long night but everything went excep-tionally well. The aircraft are ready to go back into action

Exercise Saif Sareca (Swift Sword) has been designed to test lessons learned during the Falklands campaign. Follow-ing the conflict in the South Atlantic, the chiefs of staff within the Ministry of Defence decided that future operations outside the Nato area

should be conducted by a joint

force headquarters. The tasks envisaged for forces assigned in the future might range from the evacuaproviding assistance in response to a request from a friendly country. The exercise senario is based around a request from the Sultan of Oman's forces for help in repelling an incursion by invading forces from the imagined is-

land of Fantasia. About 5,000 men from all three British services are taking part and the British involvement is now reaching its peak with a planned amphibious landing and parachute

drop today. Among the Royal Navy ships involved is the carrier HMS Illustrious Early this year, at the start of a roundthe world voyage, a fire in a gearbox sent the ship back to dock for three months and yesterday it was learnt that a further problem now meant she was only operating oo

he must attempt to form a new coalition Government. He has made it clear that he would favour a "grand coalition" between his Socialist Party and the conservative People's

Herr Mock has survived for the moment despite calls for his resignation after his party's disastrous showing at the polls. As he continues to refuse serving as Vice-Chancellor under Dr Vranitzky, speculation increases that he may be prepared for a coalition with the Freedom

Party.
"If there is no other solution, it must come to that though it is not my favourite model," Herr Mock said vesterday

emerge over the next few weeks, it is unlikely that Austria would move politically significantly to the right.



killed and 85 wounded in the PLO's thrust from Sidon's refugee camps of Ein el-Hilweh and Miyeh-Miyeh on Monday. It was the largest offensive in south Lebanon by Mr Arafat's PLO fighters since



young Palestinian guerrilla helping to load machine-gun ammunition into belts near lagdoushe yesterday as Amal militia fought to recapture the strategic Lebanese town.

Muslims call for UN protection

From Ian Murray

The worried leader of Jerusalem's Islamic community called yesterday for an international peace-keeping force to be sent into the Old

City to restore order. Sheikh Sad Eddin al-Alami used his authority as chairman of the Wakf, the Higher Islamic Council, which con-trols the Maslim boly places, to call in the small corps of consuls serving in East Jeru-salem, including those of salem, including those of Britain, the United States, France, Belgium and Spain, to ask them to pass on his

consuls before a news con- on Arabs or their property.

ference he called in a little "We beg the whole wor uilding in the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock.

Fear had been created in the hearts of the citizens, he told the consals. His people feared for their lives and their property because they were threat-ened by extremist Zionists, especially the Kach Party. Supporters of Kach stermed through the Old City on Sunday evening shouting "Death to Arabs" in what was

supposed to be a memorial

service for a young Jewish Bible student stabbed to death

"We beg the whole world" to bring security back to the Arab citizens of Jerusalem, he said. Not only were the living in danger, but graves in an old Muslim cemetery were now "subject to the wheels and the buildezers of different machines which seek to install sewerage pipes".

the treatment of Arah prisoners in Israeli prisons. For all these reasons, we are in need of the effects of a UN force to protect us," he said. But his advisers had

ists and photographers who have descended on Bangui would out be allowed to film the trial. "I do not think that in France, in England, in the United States, in Germany or in Spain . . . that there would be an army of cameras to film a case, especially if the room is small," the Information Minister said. He said more than 100 international journalists had so far flown in to the trial,

television in a room which could hold 300 people. He said reporters would be allowed to take notes during the trial Mr Silva-Nzengue in the Meslim quarter a week altered the wording of his said the Government had not earlier. Scores of Jews have original statement, which didecided where to hold the trial since been arrested for attacks rectly asked for a UN force. until yesterday.

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Exercise in Oman

Tornadoes display

dnous flight, strapped intotheir seats in G-suits. To help pass the hours through the night they played music tapes over cockpit sound systems. Wing Commander Rick Peacock-Edwards, command-

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Snags for Austrian coalition From Richard Bassett

Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, formally presented the resignation of his Government yesterday after the weekend's general election. As Dr Vranitzky only achieved a relative majority,

given by Herr Alois Mock, the leader of the People's Party, yesterday the chances of such a coalition seemed to have diminished.

Should such a coalition

FINAL RESILTS
(In bracket 1983 figures)
Societa 43.13 (47.5) 8
People's 41.29 (43.2) 7
Freedom 9.73 (4.98)
Greens 4.82 (1.90)

British Gas plc

Share Offer

N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

on behalf of

The Secretary of State for Energy

Under offers in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe 4,025,500,000 Ordinary Shares are to be sold

at 135p per share payable in instalments of 50p now, 45p on 9th June, 1987 and 40p on 19th April, 1988.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, of the Company, to be admitted to the Official List. The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Listing Particulars dated 21st November, 1986 relating to British Gas plc, copies of which are available at British Gas showrooms, clearing bank branches and post offices. You are advised to read the Listing Particulars before returning your application form.

APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Applications

Applications must be received by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986 (or before close of business on Thesday, 2nd December, 1986, if the form is taken by hand to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank Limited). Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted to any circumstances. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

(b) Allocations of shares

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced by Monday, 8th December, 1986.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) for the shares allocated to you.

If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all.

If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid

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(c) Dearings

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th December, 1986, Letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Monday, 15th December, 1986. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk. Yoo should also note that some dealers in shares may misst on seeing your letter of acceptance before purchasing your shares.

You will not be liable for stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on your application for shares. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will be liable to pay any stamp duty or stamp duty

(d) Further instalments

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and third instalments become payable. At the time the reminder is sent for the second instalment (due by 9th June, 1987) you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the letter of acceptance despatched following the Offer. After you have paid voor final instalment (due b v 19th April, 1988) v your final share certificate. If you do not pay any instalments for which yoo are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

SPECIAL INCENTIVES

If you apply for shares in the Offer, you may be eligible to receive from the Government, free of charge, ETTHER vouchers for use against gas bills from British Gas OR a share bonus. The special incentives are only available if you buy shares in the Offer and not if they are bought subsequently.

To be eligible to apply for these special incentives, you must be an individual investing solely for your own benefit (or investing jointly with not more than three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you). Applications made by individuals on behalf of children may also qualify for the special incentives. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are not eligible for these special incentives but they may apply as nominees for eligible individuals.

For every whole multiple of 100 shares you buy in the Offer and hold continuously until certain qualifying dates, you can receive £10 worth of youchers (up to a maximum equitioning). of £250). The way in which the voucher scheme will work is illustrated in the table below:

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Number of shares held continuously	30th June 1987	31st Dec. 1987	30th June 1988	31st Dec. 1988	30th June 1989	31st Dec. 1989	Total
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200	·520	_	·	· —	_	_	£20
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500	£40	£10	-	—	<u> </u>	 ·	£50
600	£40	£20	<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>	_	£60
700	£40	±30	_	_	_	_	£70
800	£40	£40	: –	_	_	_	£80
900	£40	£40	£10	_	_	_	£90
1.000	£40	£40	£20	_	_	_	£160
1,500	£40	£40	£40	£30	_ `	_	£150
2,000	£40	£40	£40	£40	£40	_	£200
2.500 or mire	£40	£40	£4D	£40	£40	£50	£250

EXAMPLE: If you receive 500 shares in the Offer you will be entitled to a voucher of £40 on 30th June, 1987 and a voucher of £10 on 31st December, 1987, provided you hold the shares until 31st December, 1987. If you only hold the shares until, say, November 1987, you will only be entitled to a voucher of £40.

On each qualifying date you will be entitled to one voucher, worth £10 for every whole multiple of 100 shares bought in the Offer and held communumly until then, less the value of the vouchers already received. However, the maximum voucher value on any qualifying date will be £40 (£50 nn the last qualifying date)

The voucher will be posted to you about two weeks after each qualifying date.

Your vouchers can be used when making any payment due to British Gas, if that payment includes charges for gas supplied (or standing charges) for your use or benefit in your home. Details of these arrangements will be issued with the

You will be entitled to one additional share for every ten shares which you buy in the Offer and continue to hold up to and including 31st December, 1989. The maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional charge was not provided to the maximum number of additional share for every ten shares when the continue to hold up to the maximum number of additional share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares which you have a share for every ten shares when the shares were shared to the shares which you have a share for every ten shares when the share for every ten shares when the shares were shared to the shares when the share shared to the sh additional shares you can receive is 500. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.

The additional shares will be transferred to you as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st December, 1989 (together with all rights attaching to those shares at the date of transfer). Any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on or in respect of the transfer will be met by the Government.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the Ordinary Shares, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December, 1986, and (ii) the provisions relating to termination of the U.K. Underwriting Agreement referred to in Part G of Section VII of the full Prospectus dated 21st November, 1986 comprising the listing particulars relating to British Gas plc (the "Prospectus") not being implemented. Application money will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not sensited and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by a receiving bank in a separate account. Rights are reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all chaques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such chaques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor who has elected for the share bonus or the bill vouchers will entitle that investor to the share bonus or bill vonchers (as the case may be) on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out in Section VIII of the Prospectus.

3. A valid application made by or on behalf of a person who is eligible for the Customer Share Scheme on a green customer application form delivered to that person by or on behalf of the British Gas Share Information Office will, subject to these terms and conditions, be accepted to the extent described in paragraph 2(b) of Part A of Section IX of the Prospectus.

4. By completing and delivering an application form, your

(a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in the course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on despatch to or receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 1st January, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st January, 1987; and

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be bonoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment; (c) (if you complete a box to apply for bill vouchers or the share bonus) thereby:

(i) warrant that you are eligible to do so in accordance with the provisions set out in Part A of Section VIII of the Prospectus;

(ii) agree that, if you elect for hill vouchers, you will comply with the conditions of use thereof set out in paragraph I(b) of Part B of Section VIII of the Prospectus; and

 agree that, if you complete both boxes, you will be deemed to have elected for the share boxes only; (d) (if you make an application under the Customer Share Scheme) thereby

(i) you, or if you are a pominee, all persons for whose benefit the application is made, are eligible for the Customer Share Scheme in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 2(a) of Part A of Section EX of the Prospectus; and

(ii) so far as you are aware, no other application has been made under the Customer Share Scheme in respect of the same separately matered gas supply as that in respect of which your application is made;

(e) declare that you are not a U.S. or Canadian person and you are not applying on behalf of any such person, "U.S. or Canadian person" having the meaning set out in paragraph 4 of Part A of Section IX of the Prospectus;

(f) series that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under this Offer shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England;

(i) (if this application is made for your own benefit) no other application is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent or, so far as you are aware, by any other person;

(ii) (if the application is made by you as agent for or for the benefit of another person) no other application for the benefit of that person is being made by you or, so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other reason; and

(iii) if you sign the application form as agent for someone else, you have the anthority to do so on behalf of that other person;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(i) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to send a letter of acceptance for the number of Ordinary Shares for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money retinnable by post at your risk to the address of the person (or the first-named person) named in the application form and in procure that your name (and the neme(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of interim rights in respect of such Ordinary Shares the empilicant to which has not been effectively renounced and thereafter to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary Shares, the entitlement to which is evidenced by Interim Certificates and the right to which has not been effectively transferred; and in these terms and conditions references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renounce(s) being requirement in connection with the share hours or fall.

(j) agree that all documents in connection with the share bonus or bill (j) agree that all accuments in connection with the scare country of our voucher arrangements may be sent by post at your risk to the person (or, in the case of joint applicants, the first person) named in the application form to his or her address set out therein or such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of interim rights or the register of members of the Company against the name of such person;

(k) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application and undertake to pay the second instalment by, and for value not later than, 3 p.m. on 9th June, 1987 and the final instalment by, and for value not later than, 3 p.m. on 19th April, 1988 for the Ordinary Shares in respect of which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to the relevant time and date;

(f) agree that, without prejudice in any other rights in which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled in exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application; and

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(m) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to British Gas or the Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer taken together with the Prospectus (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses shall have any lability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid.

No person receiving this application form in any territory other than the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Mam may treat it as constituting an invitation to him or her, nor should be or she in any event use it, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him or her without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the U.K., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man receiving this application form and wishing to make an application bersunder in satisfy himself or form and the pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him or her under this Offer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR DELIVER IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1986 at the appropriate address below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

A to Cg Bank of Scotland New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AL

or, by hand only, to 38 Threadneedle Street, London EC2.

N to Sj National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Department. PO. Box 79,

Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD.

Sk to Z. The Royal Bank of Scotland ple Registrar's Department. P.O. Box 435, 8 Bankhead Crossway North, Edinburgh EH11 4BR or, by hand only, to

G to J Lloyds Bank Plc Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthin West Sussex BN12 6DA or, by hand only, to Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 11 Bishopsgale, London EC2. K to M Midland Bank pic Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA.

USE <u>FIRST CLASS</u> POST AND ALLOW AT LEAST TWO DAYS FOR DELIVERY

OR TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND TO ARRIVE BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1988 at any 1.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland, or Uister Bank Limited.

Additional receiving centres are open for deliveries by hand until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986. These are set out on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and in the Listing Particulars.

GUIDE ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

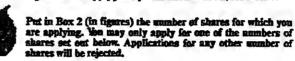
If you wish to apply under the Customer Share Scheme, you must complete the GREEN FORM sent to you by the British Gas Share Information Office. Or, if you have received a personalised ORANGE FORM, you uid complete that form.

Otherwise, please use the APPLICATION FORM below ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT

Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).

Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1, and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the full names of the child. You are not thereby precluded from making a single application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.



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400	£200	£540	2,500	£1,250	£3,375
500	£250	£675	3,000	£1,500	£4,050
600	£300	£810	3,500	£1,750	£4,725
700	£350	£945	4,000	£2,000	£5,400
800	£400	£1,080	4,500	£2,250	£6,075
900	£450	£1,215	5,000	£2,500	£6,750

Above 5,000 shares, applications must be in the following

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Using the table in Note 2, put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount you pay now.

Payment is in three instalments. The second instalment of 45p per share is payable by 3 p.m. nn 9th June, 1987 and the final instalment of 40p per share by 3 p.m. on 19th April, 1988.



For bill vouchers, put "YES" in Box A. For the share bonus, put "YES" in Box B. COMPLETE ONE BOX ONIX.

If you complete both boxes you will be deemed to have applied for the share bonus nuly. If you do not complete either bux, you will not receive bill vouchers or the share bours. Before making your choice, you should read the details of the special incentives set out opposite.

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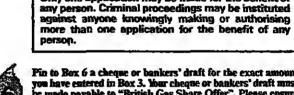


Sign and date the form in Box 5.

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if be is duly authorised to do so, but he must enclose his power of attorney.

A corporation must sign under the band of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

Only one application may be made for the benefit of



Pin to Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "British Gas Share Offer". Please ensure that it is crossed and write on it "Not Negotiable".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payer Only" in favour of the applicant(s).



You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7.

Power(s) of attorney must be enclosed if anyone is signing on

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Mafia leaders | Teachers charged over Teamsters election fraud

Four leading crime bosses have been charged with carrying out a fraudulent scheme to ensure the election of Mr Jackie Presser as head of the Teamsters' union in 1983.

The statement of the statement of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union; the Bartenders' Inter-

The charges are another breakthrough in the FBP's intensive drive to clear the American labour movement of Mafia influence. Most of the attention is focused on the Teamsters and Mr Presser is himself a prime target. Last May a Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland indicted him for embezzlement and racketeering, charges he denies.

FBI agents have been

dissecting the Teamsters' books for 32 months in its search for mobster links, which the Justice Department believes date back to the 1950s. One of those charged in the latest scandal is Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno, con-victed boss of the Genovese crime group, who was among eight people found guilty last week of operating a "commission" that ruled the Mafia in the United States.

The others named in the indictment are Milton (Maishe) Rockman, John (Peanuts) Tronolone, and Vincent (Fish) Cafaro. Federal author-ities have identified Mr Cafaro as captain of the Genovese crime group; Mr Tronolone, aged 75, as a member of the Cleveland crime group; and Mr Rock-man, aged 73, as an associate

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of both groups.

The US Justice Department is backing the drive against the mob in trade unionism. Four crime family, who also testified in the commission trial and at a trial of organized crime figures in Kansas City.

seek place for blacks

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg There are 205,000 um places in whites only schools in South Africa which could be filled by black pupils if the education system was de-segregated, a report by the South African Teachers' As-sociation (SATA) has re-

ciation: the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union; the Bartenders' International Union, and the Labourers' International Union of North America. All face the possibility of being put under court supervision. The findings of the report, which also calls for state schools to be opened to children of all races, have been approved manimously by SATA's membership, which represents more than 3,000 white, English-speaking teach-

white, English-speaking teachers in Cape province.

The Government, meanwhile, was accused yesterday of "hijacking" and "trying to bury" a report by the President's Council, a multiracial advisory body which would have recommended relaxation of the Group Areas Act. This is the legislation of which enforces aggregation of which enforces segregation of residential areas, hospitals and schools, and is one of the chief remaining pillars of

According to informed sources, the report would have advocated a "local option", whereby those white municipal councils which wished to do so would be allowed to throw the areas under their jurisdiction open to all races.

The report would normally have been adopted after formal debate by the full council this week. But the council's steering committee, on which the ruling National Party has a majority, unexpectedly re-ferred the report back to the constitutional committee for further study, a procedure which could mean a delay of at

Paris students protest at reform

Truncheon-wielding policemen watching a protest march by thousands of high school students in the Latin Quarter of Paris yesterday against a Bill to reform the university system that has triggered strikes at universities around France (AP reports from Paris).
They converged on Boulevard St Mi-

chel, demanding the resignation of M Alain Devaquet, the Minister of Higher Education and Research and the author of the controversial Bill which is to be debated in the National Assembly tomorrow. Police broke up the demonstration without incident after half an hopr.

Burst of activity as Britain tries to finalize EEC plans

From Richard Owen, Brussels

sels in an attempt to finalize as much as possible of Britain's programme before it hands over the Presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers to

Belgium next month.

The farm spending crisis, the budget overrun and comp-letion of the internal market are at the top of the agenda. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Min-ister of State at the Foreign Office, said in an address to the English Speaking Union in Brussels that agricultural over-production had led to half of the EEC budget paying for the disposal or storage of surplus products, and this "simply cannot go on".

The final rush to complete business starts today with a meeting of EEC budget ministers chaired by Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury and President of the EEC Budget Council. There is also to be a final

Internal Market Council meeting next Monday, just be-fore the EEC London summit, and a marathon Farm Council meeting on December 8 and 9, coinciding with Mrs That-cher's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The budget ministers have to tackle the draft 1987 Budget

before its second and final reading by the European Par-

liament next month.

The Parliament has demanded extra spending of some £2 billion, partly to meet the cost of disposal of the sur-

But the ministers also have to deal urgently with a dramatic shortfall in the 1986 budget, much of it due to the soaring costs of farm spend-ing, the fall in the dollar — which affects the prices the

An "end-of-term" spate of EEC gets for farm products on activity is underway in Brusthe world market — and a fall in revenues from customers

In September the Commission warned the ministers that the 1986 shortfall would be around half a billion pounds, but officials say that figure is now a conservative estimate.

Mrs Chalker acknowledged that progress on the internal market and cheaper air fares

had been disappointing.

She said achievements of the British Presidency included progress on a joint EEC strategy for job creation and easing the burdens placed on businesses, and progress in tackling terrorism and drugs.

These would be among the themes of the EEC London

summit next week.

There had also been "progress in adapting the Common Agricultural Policy to the world of the 1980s and

"Taxpayers, consumers and even farmers in the EEC, in other producer countries and in the developing world are saying enough is enough — or more precisely, more than enough is too much," Mrs Chalker said.

"When you get to the point where calves are being fed sur-plus milk at a cost to the community of 113,000 Belgian francs (£1,883) per tonne, it is not surprising that even the calves are starting to say no."

Mrs Chalker said Britain had full confidence in Bel-gium's ability to handle unre-solved issues in 1987, but on farm policy "we cannot afford

Officials said there was also concern that the budget overrun would damage research and technology funding,

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Shooting dashes Bonn hope

From John England

The shooting of a young East German who tried to escape to the West over the Berlin Wall on Monday has dashed Bonn's hopes that the order

A number of escapes since an oil production platform.

August in which border guards fired no shots had led to and the site evacuated. Inspeculation in the West Germ- I formed sources said the total an press that the guards might have turned a blind eye on orders from East Berlin.

The most spectacular recent escape was that of an East Berliner, aged 32, his woman companion, aged 28, and their daughter, aged eight months, who smashed through the barriers at Checkpoint Charlie in a seven-ton lorry. Guards fired three shots but the occupants were unhurt.

A few days later a family of four escaped by swimming the Wackenitz River after making their way through the border "death strip".

Three East German men swam Berlin's Teltow Canal on September 23 after negotiating border barriers on the eastern bank. East German guards did not see them or did not fire at them. Ten East Germans by then had escaped to West Germany by swim-ming waterways at night within only five weeks. None were shot at.

The Government has made a strong protest to the East Germans over Monday's shooting and Herr Heinrich Windelen, the West German Minister for Inter-German Relations, yesterday described the shooting as "murder at the

Five die in attack on oil rig

The latest charges say that in 1983 the four mobsters intervened in the Teamsters

election process and devised a scheme to obtain money and

other things of value through control and influence of Jackie

Presser as President of the

Teamsters International".
The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years.

the crime was part of a pattern

of activities that the Genovese Group conducted in violation

of the federal racketeering law.

The defendants were accused

of influencing certain Team-sters officials to support the election of Mr Presser by the union's executive board to

replace Mr Roy Williams, who

is serving a 10-year sentence

for trying to bribe a senator.

one of the defendants met the heads of organized crime families in Chicago and Cleveland to seek their approval for the selection of Mr Presser. A key prosecution witness will be

Angelo Lonardo, former un-derboss of the Cleveland

The indictment alleges that

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Abu Dhabi (Renter) - Fiv oil-rig workers were killed and at least 20 injured in an attack by unidentified aircraft on Abu Dhabi's offshore Abu al-Bukhoosh oilfield in the Gulf

yesterday.
Oil industry sources said for East German border two missiles hit the field's guards to use their gines main terminal 100 miles against escapers had been north-west of Abu Dhabi, relaxed.

number of casualties could be as high as 50.

Kobbers ilee

Tokyo (AP) - Robbers hit an armoured car driver in the head and sprayed his face with a chemical in Tokyo on Tuesday, escaping with 330 million yen (£1.3 million) in Japan's biggest cash robbery.

Cocaine haul

Geneva (AP) - Police have seized a record 44lb of pure cocaine in an unclaimed suitcase arriving at Geneva airport from Peru.

Poison charge

Belgrade (Reuter) - Mr Nedri Berisa, a director of a smelting firm in southern Yugoslavia has been charged with allowing poisonous waste to pollute two local rivers.

Pastures new

Stockholm - One thousand reindeer were moved yes-terday by lony from winter pastures in the northern Swedish province of Jamtland, made radioactive by fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, 300 miles south to micontaminated grazing.

Polish farmers revive **Rural Solidarity**

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish farmers' protest movement, the banned Rural of the union protest movement. Solidarity union, has an So far they have been rather unced its rebirth in the form of a "temporary council" which will fight for peasants rights and, in the words of its founding statement, "try to save Poland from a food catastrophe".

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The statement was signed by only three activists, includ-ing Mr Jozef Teliga, the veteran dissident, who helped to establish Rural Solidarity in July 1981. The new "tem-porary council" said that it would also incorporate nine other activists who would stay anonymous to them to work in the underground.

After the Polish authorities released all political prisoners

- including such leading Solidarity figures as Mr Zhigulew
Bujak - Solidarity tried to work out a way in which it could function openly as a pressure group on the Government while, at the same time, keeping alive some of the old

noderground structures. They came up with the idea of "temporary councils of Sol-idarity" which would be established in all major Polish cities

So far they have been rather quiet, partly because of argu-ments about strategy. Comnumist Party sources say that temporary Solidarity councils have tried to register themselves officially in at least 10 Warsaw provinces, presenting their statutes and aims to the local authorities.

Usually the boards include former members of the under-ground opposition and are regarded with suspicion by the authorities, who have yet to register any of the councils. The current debate in the

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Solidarity opposition is how far one should co-operate with the authorities in achieving desirable goals, such as an improvement in consumer supplies or the reduction of pella tion, or more obviously political ambitions like union rights. The issue has been crystallized in the current attempts by the Government to establish social consultative councils which would put of ficials and noncon intellectuals together at the same negotiating table.



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Whitehall accused of inconsistency

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Whitehall's policy of restraining confidential informatinn is inconsistent, the New South Wales Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr Maicoim Turnhull, counsel for Mr Peter Wright, tendered a number of books and exhibits in support of this contention. He argued that information in The Ties That Bind, a book published last year without hindrance from the British Government, was in topicality and by nature far more sensitive than anything in the Wright book which the Government is seeking to

Mr Turnbull said the book contained "eye-glazing detail" of the British intelligence services, including recent heads, structures, addresses and informatinn nn sabotage and demnliting schools.

When Mr Turnhull put this to Sir Robert Armstrong, in his fifth day under crossexamination, the Cabinet Secretary said he had not read The Ties That Bind and could not compare the two books.

Told of its contents, he said: "I would certainly regret the of confidentiality was repre-

publication of British information in such a book." He agreed, however, that nothing had been done to stop it. Mr Turnbull said that, al-

though the British Government would still not officially confirm the existence of MI6, the book, The Ties That Bind, gave the organization's headquarters at 100 Westminster Bridge Road, London SEI.

The book, by Jeffrey Richelson, an American, and Desmond Ball, an Australian, also listed similarly detailed information on the security services of the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, including signals intelligence, code-names and detailed technical informatinn, he added.

Annther book, Conspiracy of Silence, published in Britain last week, contained many direct quotations from members of the security services. Mr Turnbull said.

Sir Robert replied that those involved had been reminded of their duty of confidentiality. Asked why the Government had not sought to restrain publication, he added: The view was taken that, though the breach of the duty hensible, the actual material was not sufficiently damaging m warrant the extreme measure of seeking an injunction." The material was either

already in the public domain or was trivial, he added. The Wright book, on the other hand, was considered by the nature of its disclosures to go far beyond that.

In argument against the Government's contention that it had never allowed publicatioo of writings by an "insider" from the security services, Mr Turnbull cited four examples which he said

fell into that category.

They were: Cloak Without Dagger, by Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M15 in the 1950s; The Philby Affair, by Hugh Trevor-Roper, a wartime member of M16; The Cambridge Comintern, an essay by Rnbert Cecil, another former MI6 nfficer, and Handbook for Spies. by Alexander Foote, whn was said to be a Russian agent but was actually an MI5 man writing under a

pseudonym. Mr Turnbuli also submitted a series of articles published in the New Statesman and The Guardian envering such subjects as GCHQ, phone-tap-ping and MI5 structure, which

Faced with this volume of material to read. Mr Justice Powell remarked to Mr Turnbulk "Please remember that in 13 years, 11 months and 14 days, I reach the statutory age of judicial senility.

Nearing the end of his crossexamination of Sir Robert in npen court, Mr Turnbull referred to a letter to Mrs Thatcher from Mr Jonathan Anken MP, in January 1980, shartly after she disclosed the treachery of Anthony Blunt in the Commons.

Mr Turnbull said the letter had called for a full statement to restore public confidence in the security services, along with an announcement on a major reorganization. What consideration had been given to these suggestions?

Sir Robert: "The Prime Minister decided there should not be a statement of that kind. She made that decision and informed Mr Aitken and he accepted it."

Later Mr Turnbull asked whether, since 1979, the Government had given "serious

distinct impression this meet-

ing had been pre-arranged.

I was terrified of getting into trouble. Lord Rothschild as-

sured me it was going to be all right. He told me that he

would arrange for his Swiss banking facilities to pay me half of the royalties from the

Sir Robert acknowledged the policy of disclosures of Whitehall had made no effort intelligence matters. No. Sir Robert replied

Mr Turnbull put it to him that Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, had not sought an injunction against Mr Chapman Pincher's book. Their Trade Is Treachery, because he had given an assurance that "there was no ongoing problem of penetration of the security services, which assurance did not agree with the opinion of his prin-

cipal source, Mr Wright."
Sir Robert denied it.
Mr Turnbull: "There has been a number of matters (covered in cross-examination) where you were unable to give the court substantiated answers. I have invited you to make further inquiries. Have you sought any such further Sir Robert: "I have not

sought any further informa-

The cross-examination of Sir Robert is due to go into closed session today after legal argument in which the British side is expected to argue that it is not obliged to produce certain documents ordered by the court on the ground that they are covered by a "public consideration" to changing interest immunity" clause.

had "many times before".

Mr Wright said he told Lord

Rothschild he had started

writing a paper on the subject and asked if he could not bring

it in the attention of Mrs. Thatcher, who had informed

the nation of Professor Blunt's

treachery in a Commons state-

Lord Rothschild had told

him that the Prime Minister

was inexperienced in intelli-

gence matters". He had said

that a book was the best way to

get a new investigation into Sir Roger and suggested Mr Pincher as a possible author.

Mr Wright said Lord Roth

schild had telephoned Mr Pin-

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ment only months earlier.



The Prince of Wales talking to members of the British 3rd Parachute Regiment and the Canadian Airborne Regiment in the UN buffer zone near Nicosia yesterday.

Churches fight Kenya Bill

From A Correspondent

The National Christian Council of Kenya (NCCK) has joined the legal profession in expressing reservations about proposed amendments to the Kenyan Constitution which would remove the security of tenure enjoyed by the Attorney-General and the Controller and Auditor-General.

The Law Society of Kenya has called on Parliament to reject the Bill as being against the public interest.

Bishop Alexander Mugo the Anglican Bishop, read a statement signed by the NCCK general secretary, Mr John Kamau, and the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, the Rt Rev Lawi Imathiu, expressing "deep concern" about the

The Minister for Labour Mr Peter Okondo, has defended proposed changes, saying a permanent Attorney-General was alien to democracy, and an Auditor-General could not continue in office if

he fell out of favour. Mr Okondn said security of tenure for the Attorney-General was provided in the Constitution at Kenya's independence, because European settlers demanded it.

Police stop bid to kill Pope

Brishane (Reuter) - Austraian police yesterday arrested a former mental patient armed with five fire bembs who, they said, had planned to kill the Pope "because he has got too nuch money".

The Sydney resident, aged 24 and recently discharged from a mental hospital, told detectives he had come to Brisbane three days ago to kill the Pope. He was arrested in the lobby

of Brisbane Town Hall after being discovered during a routine security check seven hours before the Pope arrived during the second day of his week-long visit to Australia.

He was carrying a card-board box containing five soft drink bottles each filled with a litre of petrol. They were taped together Police said the man told

them he went to the Town Hall as part of his search for an elevated position from which to throw the petrol bombs. A Papal spokesman de-clined to say if the Pope had

been told about the arrest, but were informed. The Pope was shot and

Philippines 'close' to ceasefire agreement

From David Watts Manila

The Philippines Government may sign a ceaseful agreement with Communist insurgents before the end of the week.

Emerging from some eight hours of negotiations with representatives of the National Democratic Front at a secret location, Mr Ramon Mitra, who is Minister of Agriculture and one of the Government's three nego-tiators, said there had been substantial progress.

He said finalization of the agreement could come as early today, but in any event he expected it to be agreed before the deadline of November 30 set by President Aquino.

Mr Mitra said that additions had to be made to the pact, but the general principles were already in place for a ceasefire that would last less than the 100 days suggested by the NDF earlier this year. Once agreement was reached the cessation of hostile acts could begin in early Decem-

It remains to be seen, however, whether Mr Mitra's optimism is justified. Yesterday's was the third meeting which he had indicated was "a make or break" meeting. One of his fellow-negotiators said earlier in the week that there remained two sticking points.

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The negotiator, Mr Teolisto Guingona, also said that the points were ones which the Manila Government could not concede.

Each time the two sides have come close to agreement in the past, some external factor has delayed the final signing. The negotiations began on August 5 and broke off at the end of September when Mr Rudolfo Falas, chairman of the NDF's military commission and of the New People's Army, the party's military wing, was arrested.

The talks were later resumed by the NDF without the release of Mr Falas, but broke off again last month after the murder of the labour leader, Mr Rolando Olalia. The Communists returned to the negotiating table yesterday despite the fact that no progress has been made in

investigating that killing. Asked if the removal as Defence Minister of Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, who had been advocating a tougher line against the Communists, had had any effect on the negotia-tions. Mr Mitra said there had been none.

The new Defence Minister. Mr Rafael lieto, has initially welcomed the Government's stance of negotiating a ceasefire. But he is known in private to be concerned that severely wounded in St Peter's Square in 1981 and a Spanish priest lunged at him with a hayonet in Portugal a year forces of the Philippines to control

Wright says Government tried to discredit him his concerns about Sir Roger Hullis, former head of MI5, with Lord Rothschild as he wards he appeared. I had the

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the figure at the centre of the MI5 spy book trial, emerged briefly from seclusinn here yesterday to counter what he said was an attempt by the British Government to discredit him through the columns of The

Looking frail and unwell. the former MI5 mole hunter admitted receiving royalties for his collaboration with Mr Chapman Pincher nn the book Their Trade Is Treachery, hut said Mr Pincher was mistaken when he told The Times that he had not been involved in the payments.

"I can prove, and will prove n court, this is not true," Mr right said.

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The following is the statement made by Mr Peter Wright in Australia yesterday: "As you will no doubt be aware, I have been preparing for my appearance in court next week, and in particular preparing a full disclosure of the circumstances of the publication of Their Trade Is

However, the Government this weekend has selectively leaked parts of my evidence to the Whitehall correspondent of The Times in an effort to discredit me in advance. Accordingly, I have no chnice hut to make a public statement which will of necessity contain

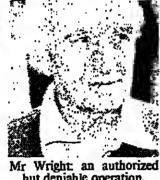
the information which will be

part of my testimony. In the summer of 1980, I received a letter and a firstclass air ticket from Lord Rnthschild inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures, disclosures with which I was not involved in any way. This approach came totally out of the hlue.

When I arrived Lord Rothschild explained that he had recently met Mrs Thatcher, and that she was inexperienced in intelligence matters. We discussed the Hollis affair, as we had many times before. I expressed concern that the true facts of the Hollis case be

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placed in front of her, and showed Lord Rothschild a paper I had begun to write on the subject. I asked him if he would be prepared to use his influence to place the document in Mrs Thatcher's

Lord Rnthschild said this approach would not work, as Mrs Thatcher would feel obliged to refer any official approach direct tn MI5. He told me that the best way to procure a proper investigation of the Hollis affair was to write

He told me that the book would have to be written by someone else and he suggested Harry Pincher. He telephoned Mr Pincher and shortly after-

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book. He knew I was in financial difficulties and I was grateful for this assistance. Mr Pincher has told The Times that he was not involved in these payments. I can prove, and will prove in court, this is not true I knew Lord Rothschild to

be an intimate confidant of successive heads of British intelligence establishments. I could not conceive of him embarking on such a project without knowing it had the sanction, albeit unofficial, of the authorities. I sensed I was being drawn into an anthorized, but deniable operation which would enable the Hollis affair and other MI5 scandals

domain as the result of an apparently inspired leak.
All I know about Lord Rothschild, and the ease with which Their Trade Is Treachery was published, leads me to the inescapable conclusion that the powers that be ap-

to be placed in the public

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Nuclear families

"It's like putting a loo in the middle of your larder" grouched one of the protesters in The Duny (BBC2), a 40 Minutes special on the Lincolnshire village whose disused airfield is to be recycled as a nuclear oubliette. Every year for the next half-century, 13,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste will be buried in shallow trenches on the site, where it will remain a potential bazard to vegetables for a good 300 years.

TELEVISION

The local squire, whose family has been in residence for an even longer period of time and with no deleterious consequences, thinks this is a very bad idea. So do the visiting vicar, a sometime metallurgist, and his parishioners, from the rectory ladies to the gamesome belies at the fete.

One would like to think of One would like to think of this kind of Middle England militancy as a potent force for change which Government ignores at its peril. In fact — as this report showed but did not say — it is a potent force for

conservatism, uniting the community and giving a co-hesive focus to traditional One could not but think that the impoverished black vil-lagers in Viewpoint 86: Back to the Frontier (Central) had a deal more to protest about. With malnutrition and lack of anitation, half of all children the black homelands die

before their fifth birthday.

This programme was a lengthy and pretty thorough indictment of apartheid, light on history but heavy on the martyr mentality that sustains the larger. One Afrikaaner farmer whinged about having to face up to landmines when his forefathers had been confronted with nothing deadlier than assegais, while another explained that "these people" (langerspeak for the blacks) would bathe topless if allowed on to white beaches. The Minister for Planning spoke with heated sincerity about the totality of devel concepts" and something called "uplift". It should be noted that these people (the whites) observe substantially

Martin Cropper | master and slave.

Sun, sea, sand and savagery

THEATRE

B29

Théâtre de la Porte St-Martin, Paris

Two American airmen forced into the roles of Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday, raunchy Second World War style, is the nub of B29, written by Alain Page, directed by Derek Goldby, starring Richard Berry and Niels Arestrup. It is best described as wide-screen best described as wide-screen theatre. The filmic qualities of this encounter of a distinctly masculine kind are, however, no real surprise this is Page's first foray into live drama from a successful career as a nnvelist-cum-screen-playwright, and most recently as a film-maker with Taxi Boy.

the eardrum-bnmbarding sounds of an airborne B29 fighting for its life, losing and spinning earthwards. The blackness lifts to the gentle bird-song, and the wrecked fuselage of the aircraft is discovered nestling amongst the palm trees of a Pacific island paradise. This is captured down to the last scatter of unbusked coconets by of unbusked coconuts by Jean-Marie Fievez's applausedrawing design, realistically executed by Robert Petit with the help of the tropical-green fingers of Pierre Declercq.

Out of the darkness come

Four years have passed, and the war is over, but not for the two forgotten survivors of the crashed bomber - Sergeant Sam Hunter (Arestrup) and Private Tony La Motta (Berry) - whose castaway existence has evolved into a harsh fantasy world, given shape and purpose by past

They continue to act out the military routine: the daily ritual of running up a sunbleached rag that was once the American colours, a regular arms inspection. But the real force behind their existence is Hunter's enforcement and La Motta's apparent concurrence in maintaining the military pecking-order. Hunter progressively elevates himself to the rank of General and La Motia to that of Commander, Nevertheless, at base, their relationship is always that of

Before the war La Motta was a jazz musician and his hornier memories are easy plunder for the sexually dephinder for the sexually de-prived Hunter. La Motta intu-tively exploits this, donning with equal ease the personality of u fimp-wristed handresser or a slinky-hipped female dancer. Inevitably, Hunter is led towards making real sex-ual advances, which are fore-ibly rebuffed. The master/slave syndrome begins

to crack open. Page's not altogether original diologue is often superfluous to the performers' own remarkable physical inter-pretation of the characters, aided by a second wave of cinema realism with close-up deep, all-over suntans (maintained by daily sessions under ultraviolet lamps), grizzled, raven chins, matted hair, tattered but accurate uniforms, US airmen circa 1940 for the use of.

However, the convincing ualities of Arestrup's fat-cat, vicinus, sinw-thinking, supercilious Hunter, and Berry's contrasting dark, lean, alley-cat, subserviently cunning La Motta go far beyond facial stubble and a spell under a sun-lamp. They are the product of a near perfect co-ordination between two exceptional actors and a director who knows exactly what he wants, and how to get it.

B29 is the British-born Goldby's first Paris produc-tion. During the past 10 years he has been closely involved in the Belgian theatre, as well as continuing to work regu-larly in the UK, USA and Canada. This international patina shows itself to some advantage in his outspoken treatment of B29. In complete contrast to the liberated images on French television and cinema screens, in the theatre there still lingers an natmoded and inhibiting decorum, particularly in the private sector, which all too often results in emasculation. Page's cinema experience ignores this and Goldby's direction keeps the actors well squared, without turning them into a Broad-way pastiche.

The big-screen imagery has not gone unnoticed: an American company has already shown an interest in turning B29 into a film.



Pulling rank: Niels Arestrap and Richard Berry as the forgotten castaways in B29.

Bringing up baby

Fathers Tower,

Canonbury

Although the English theatre has been buzzing with political drama for the past 15 years there have been surprisingly few plays on specific public issues, and fewer still with any concrete proposals for reform.

Playwrights may consider themselves above this journalistic task, or leave it to television. But the "blue book" tradition proves still very much alive in this piece by Charles Langley. The sub-ject (discussed by Barbara Amiel in *The Times* nn November 19) is that of the to his offspring if the mother opts for adoption, single parenthood, or abortion.

Fathers follows through a test case from the breakdown

years with Tim, the pregnant Kate ducks out of the approaching marriage and de-cides to have her child adopted. Tn her and everyone else's amazement, Tim digs in his heels and fights for custody. As the only child of a wealthy factory-owner, he knows what it is like to grow up in a house where Daddy is always busy, and is determined not to hand nn the

damage to the next generation. At nace he finds himself in a labyrinth of legal discrimination and prejudice, where social workers, feminists and his own family share the same incredulity at the sight of a man whn would rather bring up a child than go out and

make money.

From the highly-slanted treatment of Tim's antagonists, I am not persuaded that Mr Langley knows very much about militant feminists or captains of industry. But there Diane Hill of a partnership to a settle- is no disputing the authority

ment out of court. After four and passion he brings to the central issue, both in sorting out the legal inequities, and in pinning down the thought-asphyxiating cliches that surround the subject.

The piece is written in solid, serviceable dialogue, with comic relief tacked nn like a fretwork frame round a family photo. But the narrative gets a clean run; and in the final duel everything superfluous is burnt away in the intense beat of feeling.

There is some excellent support playing (from Tom Tillery and Marcus Toulmin-Rothe), and a main partnership of strengthening interest from Bob Hutt and Maria

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tion of Ghosts, acclaimed by Irving Wardle at its Young Vic opening last month, has now transferre. Wyndham's Theatre. transferred

Russia's voice raised in joy

CONCERTS

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Arkhipova/Ilya Wigmore Hall/ Radio 3

With the voice of Mother Russia captive within the Wigmore Hall, one wanted the bedtime stories to go on and on into the night. As it was, Irina Arkhipova was being broadcast live as part of the BBC's Russian Season, so she had to stop just at the point at which, having been spoilt by Mussorgsky's "Gopak" and Rachmaninov's "Do not weep for me", one longed to whine for still more. Any London recital by

Arkhipova is a landmark in the singing year. This one will be particularly memorable because of the repertoire which the BBC's season invited: rarely performed and revela-tnry late-nineteenth and twentieth-century works by Medtner and Taneyev, Shaporin and Sviridov. What is more, in Ivari Ilya, from the Muscuw Conservatoire, Arkhipova has a pianist not only her equal in technical and imaginative virtuosity, but also equal to the voracious appetite of Medtner's accompaniments.

Arkhipova, unbelievably, has had more than 60 years to know and nurture her voice: seldom does nne hear the instrument and the mind be-

Philharmonia/ Haitink Festival Hall

It would be ironic if Mikhail Pletnev's reputation in the West soared after this impressive performance of Rechmanings's Rhapsody on a Theme of Pagunini. For the young Soviet pianist was play-ing only because his erstwhile compatriot, Vla dimir Ashkenazy, had withdrawn for solid capitalist reasons.

Pletney has not played in Britain or America since shortly after winning the 1978 Tchaikovsky Competition. One can understand the Russians' concern that he should not accidentally get lost on foreign soil. He has a superb technique by any standards, presenting a glittering cascade of steely-toned figuration in the early unaccom-panied variation, taking a refreshingly unsentimental view of the lusher sections, and tackling the ferocious octave

Holliger/ Northern Sinfonia/Pay Huddersfield Polytechnic

Monday in Huddersfield was predominantly Heinz Holliger's day. In the luncbtime concert, we heard three of his more intimate compositions, two of them su-premely idiomatic studies for solo instruments not his own, while later he gave a marvellous performance of a work by John Casken with the Northern Sinfonia.

But first of all, Jean Sulem attacked the ferociously unremitting Trema for viola (1981) like a man possessed, achieving the intended multi-layered, simultaneously fast and slow effect quite brilliantly. In fact one tempted to suspect that tech-nical considerations motivated this work more than expressive ones. Not so in (t)air(e) for solo flute (1978/83), one of a series of



Glowing: Irina Arkhipova

hind it in such intensely live accord. Listening to her scaling nf Taneyev's sinister "Minuet" – a dance of death with a view to the guillotine or inflowing the entire range of the mezzo voice as it tracks the bare octaves of Sviridov's ence comparable to hearing Shakespeare read by the finest nf actors: proportion and vibrantly alive in the joy of recreatinn. We were even to hear of a

sample of this, too: the voice and back again in Sviridny's "Willow Song" from his incidental music to Othello. Sviridny, a pupil of Shostakovich, was happily presented at his most ideologically unfettered in two more pieces: a delightful Siberian folk-song, and a setting of Pushkin's "Winter Road".

Hilary Finch

runs with insonciant speed and

How deep does his ma-sicianship run? That question will have to be answered another day, for bere I found my ear constantly being drawn away from his ideas and towards Bernard Haitink's masterly delineation of the orchestral writing. Haitink revealed some remarkable inner details that usually lie ob-scured (particularly in the early variations), and he maintained a razor-sharp ensemble at considerable pace. The general effect was nervy but exhilarating.

The performance of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony was a much more spacious affair, for Heitink is both patient and courageous enough to seek long-term rethe speeds of second subjects. He was rewarded with some vintage Philharmonia playing, particularly from the principal horn Richard Watkins.

Richard Morrison

pieces composed during the last decade in which Halliger attempts tn reflect the strangely timeless late verse of Hölderlin.

Here the composer requires the protagonist to tackle any number of new techniques. Few flautists nther than a negotiated such a plethora nf harmonics, whistlings, sharp intakes of breath, and even a basso raspberry with such exactitude, while at the same time achieving an impression of sustained line. The result is actually a delight, as in a rather different manner is Halliger's Trin for oboe, vinla and harp (1966), justly nne nf his most celebrated works.

The Casken piece in the Northern Sinfonia's evening concert, which Antony Pay haunting Masque for nboe solo, two homs and strings of 1982, a five-movement structure full of shadowy metamorphoses and commentaries which nevertheless bears itself with a classical elegance. **Stephen Pettitt**

LONDON **DEBUTS**

Dimitri Szladkowski, who lives and trained in London, tackled the technical problems nf Rachmaninov's Second Sonata like a seasoned virtuoso. Every detail of the piece's darkly virtuosic score came nff with immaculate precision. He is a cultured player, dem-nistrating a natural affinity with the Russian Romantic repertoire, but to develop further he must work at projecting the emotional con-tent of the music to a greater

I could not make much sense out of the American pianist Michael Sellers's recital. His Mozart was half-learnt, his Chopin metrically naive and his Liszt technically messy. But Leo Ornstein's Three Mocds of 1914 confirmed that for Sellers the sonority of the instrument is paramnunt, and he allows this priority to averride all other considerations.

The Linder Duo consists of the baritone Clive Harre and his pianist partner Brian Parnell. Harre's voice, at its best, is capable of an effective and expressive legato, but he is predominantly a rather effortful singer, whose light timbre tends to sound raspy.

James Methuen-Campbell

A new jazz age for the cinema

The French film director Bertrand Tavernier never treads the same road twice. His new film, Round Midnight, recalls the days when emigré jazzmen

were a cult in Paris. Interview by John Preston

The cinema has never had much time for jazz. Hollywood, in particular, has tended to regard jazzmen with grave suspicion, partly be-cause they were inclined to be black, and partly because the unpredictability of jazz was held by some to be at fundamental odds with the narrative drive of the cinema. In fact it was, as film director Bertrand Tavernier is quick to point out, his fellow country-man Louis Malle who asked Miles Davis to write his first film score for Ascenseur pour l'echafaud in 1958. And now Tavernier is out to carry on Malle's good work in Round Midnight, which opens at the



Warner West End at the end of.

Set primarily in Paris in the late Fifties, the film follows the mixed fortunes of an elderly black American saxo-phonist as he struggles to stay off the drink and out of the financial chatches of various avaricious and outstandingly oily impresarios. Based on a loose amalgam of Bud Powell and Lester Young, the charac-

ter is played by veteran jazz-man Dexter Gordon.

Tavernier himself, despite his canary yellow pullover, looks as if he has just stepped out of a canvas by Daumier. A large man with a long nose and an assortment of chins, his highly his exterior is belied by a manner which is earnest, expansive and comes com-plete with a full range of frenzied hand signals.

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It was while lunching in Paris more than two years ago with Martin Scorsese and the producer Irwin Winkler that the idea for Round Midnight took serious shape. "Ever since I was a film critic I have been intrigued why jazz was used so little in the movies," Tavernier says. "Why was it that someone like Duke Ellington only scored two films? Be bop particularly fas-cinated me. I've always regarded be-bop inusicians as the real geniuses of American "I was also fascinated by the

fact that be-bop was the only music that has never been bastardized or tampered with. Somehow it is impossible to interfere with it because it is such free music. I wanted to reflect that spirit in the struc-ture of the film: to build it up like a musical piece. There is no intricate plot but a freeform structure with time lapses, flash forwards and things happening that don't appear to be related to each other."

Tavernier decided early on that he wanted a musician to play the lead role rather than an actor, and as soon as he saw Dexter Gordon shambling into his New York hotel room he knew he had found his man

"it is absolutely incredible, he even walks be-bop with a three-beat rhythm". At the same time, Tavernier's plans to make both the film's main characters musicians immediately went by the board. "I realized that musicians only really communicate properly when they are playing music. When you ask Dexter a question, sometimes you have to wait for up to five minutes for

communicate to the audience what I have been discovering. The people I really admire are ous as well as slow business. the ones who extend them-"You know," he says in awestruck tones, "the percentselves the whole time and are nnt afraid nf the consequences." Tavernier gazes at the Powell book and age of alcohol in his blood can be quite astounding." But Gordon turned in a perfortaps it sharply with his index finger. "Like you-know-who." mance that drew extensive plaudits from the American critics and may well do the same from the British ones later this week. Midway through the interview a messenger comes in

Tavernier tears it open and crows excitedly when he sees it crows excitedly when he sees it contains a copy of Michael Powell's recently published authbiography. "Michael Powell, I love him," he says, repeating it three times to dispel any doubts. "I am trying to do in my films what Powell and Pressburger did, to let the emotions carry the plot. let the emotions carry the plot. I think a lot of my work recently has been a reaction against the current vogue in American movies where they are selling emotion instead of exploring it. In Round Mid-night I wanted to go with the emotion the whole time, so that it almost became the plot as well as dictating the pace and the rhythm of the film." In the 12 years since he started directing feature films, Tavernier has turned out a determinedly eclectic body of work, from his admirably

teacher on the verge of cracking up in Une Semaine de vacances, to the sci-fi excesses of his other English language film to date, Deathwatch, "I have this terrible fear of repeating myself," he says.
"For me directing movies is like exploring unknown terri-

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The CAP the world won't wear



Part 3: No winners in the subsidies war Adverse effects of Europe's Common Agricultural Policy have spread far across the world.

From Buenos Aires to Sydney, from

Washington to Bangkok, EEC farm

policies are causing everything from anger to misery and starvation to over-supply, as this third report on the state of the CAP shows

f all the victims of the Common Agricultural Policy lived in Europe, it would at least be possible to draw a line around the problem. But the CAP is a blight which knows no borders, a malaise which has infected the rice paddies of Thailand, the beef herds of Argentina, the industrial and agricultural heartlands of

It has either caused, or significantly contributed to, a situation where Third World farmers, once unable to produce enough, are now unable to sell what they do produce because of competition from cheap imports; where President Reagan, once the high priest of free trade, now finds himself forced to put up barriers against Europe: where in Australia and New Zealand, whose farmers once benefited from artificially-high pricing in Europe, often stave off bankruptcy only because their debts are so big that the banks cannot afford to foreclose on them. There is even an argument that the CAP is indirectly adding to child prostitution in Thailand.

Hopes of change are hedged about with uncertainties and contradictions. All branches of the EEC's giant bureacratic tree are agreed that the problem is a worldwide one; and that percep-tion is shared in Washington. So the solution lies with the

GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Some promising signals have come out of the latest GATT round, which began in Uruguay in September with an American and EEC commitment to review their extensive use of farm subsidies.

But does this amount to more than mere rhetoric? Although the GATT declaration called on member countries to discuss all subsidies, direct and indirect, Mr affairs minister, says that the aims and fundamental mechanisms of (the CAP) cannot be called into question" - a statement apparently designed to placate the French which also served to baffle the Americans.

US officials say the world problem cannot be resolved until there is bilateral agreement between Washington and Brussels and that in turn cannot happen until Europe puts its CAP house in

Hopes of a US-EEC agreement look slim while claim and counter-

crossing the Atlantic. And al-though the US has in the past couple of years become as much of a transgressor as Europe on farm support — Washington's is expected to exceed \$35 billion this year against about \$25 billion in the EEC - Europe is still seen as

the main villian. Uruguay's President Sanguinetti said after the Gatt meeting that "the United States has recently passed some bad policies but Europe is our histori-

Washington's approach to the EEC since the GATT round opened has been conciliatory, but Daniel Amstutz, US under-secretary for Agriculture, said in Brussels recently that avoiding a breakdown of the GATT round would be a "monnmental

challenge".

The EEC is especially upset about the US "export enhancement programme", basically a subsidy, which costs Washington \$300 million a year. But American officials claim that "export restitutions" cost the EEC that amount every three weeks.

he US says the EEC is "deliberately discouraging" Third World imports, while Europe counter-claims that it spends £40 billion on food imports a year, 80 per cent of it at zero tariffs.

While the buck is passed back and forth, in countries like Argentina the effects of subsidies are plain to see. "In the war between the EEC and Reagan," said one government official, "we are the losers. We have no possibility of competing because we can't afford

In 1970, Europe bought 48 per cent of all Argentina's exports; by 1984, the figure was down to 24 Argentina between \$600 million and \$1 billion in the last two years, according to the government, which also says that EEC subsidies have helped Europe cut heavily into Argentina's traditional thirdcountry markets, including the Soviet Union, Egypt and Israel.

Last year Argentina exported only one third of the meat it sold at the end of the 1970s. The final irony is that, with its farmers finding beef increasingly uneconomic to produce, the government may soon have to import it to satisfy domestic demand in a coals-to-Newcastle operation.



Stunted growth

Britain, thanks mainly to Band Aid pectaculars on behalf of the famine-stricken regions. But there is much more to Africa's food problems than a mere lack of

Zimbabwe, for example, with a two million tonne maize stockpile, has the potential to feed not only itself but many other African countries at a fraction of the total production, storage and transport costs which Europe incurs in getting its products to the famine

But the Common Agricultural Policy, combined with the vast stockpile of farm products amassed by the United States, Africa's droughts to Zimbabwe's fertile and well-managed acres. Together they threaten to push 4,200 export-orientated commercial farmers - mainly whites into bankruptcy, while nearly a million emergent black peasant farmers could be thrown back on to primitive subsistence

With the accession of the Mediterranean countries to the EEC, even tobacco - the crop which white large-scale farmers felt was most secure - risks taking a cruel hammering on world markets.
There are fears that the Commu-

Black Africa has a nity might encourage the mass high profile in production of low-grade leaf Britain, thanks which would then be dumped on world markets far below cost.

The director of Zimbabwe's The director of Zimbabwe's Commercial Farmers Union, David Hasluck, says: "The French, in particular, hold the view that as long as there is a food deficiency in Africa, the dumping of European food surpluses can be instified on humanitarian grounds", he says.

Botswana is one of 63 countries which are special FFC help.

which get special EEC help -Brussels guarantees to buy 18,916 tonnes of Botswanan beef a year. Botswana's problem is overgenerosity: cattle farmers have increased their grazing land to such an extent that it is encroaching on areas frequented by wild

threatened if EEC "help" continues at its present level, although Botswana's cattle farmers suspect that the EEC is now using the ecology argument to try to restrict beef imports because of the urgent need to reduce the size of the beef "mountain". Morocco regards itself as the

African country most affected by the CAP now that Spain and Portugal have joined the Common Market. Aside from phosphates, agricultural exports are Morocco's chief revenue carner and more than half of these are absorbed by

In January last year, Bill Whitting ham and his wife Ei-leen arrived at

the tiny French

Village of
Simorre to resume a life in
farming that had begun 1,000
miles away in the bleak hills of
Yorkshire's West Riding.

Their new home was a decrepit farmhouse; but they did it up and that autumn, Whittingham, aged 50, sowed the first cereal crops on his 70

portant agricultural producer in the EEC, and one of the

main beneficiaries of farm subsidies. Individual farmers,

nevertheless, do not always feel they have fared so well,

and many are now facing serious difficulties.

But Whittingham was con-vinced that no other govern-ment in the EEC looks after its

farmers like the French. After

working 100 dairy acres in Yorkshire 16 hours a day, seven days a week for 17 years,

Tied up and let down



discovered tapioca. German and Dutch pig and cattle farmers found was the place to get it.

Dr Endymion Wilkinson, the EEC's Charge d'Affaires for south-east Asia, recalls what happened: "You could see IN,000 trucks tearing up the roads, day and night; like ants, they were loaded down going one way, like ants, they were scuttling for another load once they were empty. At Bangkok's main port dozens, hundreds, of people were manhandle leads from lighters to ships bound for Europe. I recall one lunge shed with about 300 clerks, heads down all scribbling export orders, watched over by a manager up on a dais."

The benefits to Thailand from tapioca were huge — an income of around £900 million (compared with £1.4 billion for the traditional crop, rice). More important, this income was directed at the poorest region of the country, an area most sensitive to infiliration from its munist neighbours.

It was good for everyone -except the French. For every tonne of casava that landed at Rotterdam tome of French barley went unsold. Their market was dev-astated. In 1982, with a little belp

Root of the trouble: farmer Noi Petsri, a distant victim of

from the Italians and a lot of armtwisting of other partners, the French managed to persuade the EEC to impose quotes, limiting That exports to an average five million tonnes per year (from a peak of nearly nine million).

Professor Amma Siamwalla, executive director of the Thai Agricultural and Rural Development programme, is the nation's chief opponent of the quota. Yes, there were people in Bangkok, said Prof Amma, who would insist that 10 million Theis face starvation;

Money: flood and drought



perhaps the best known offshoot of the CAP, Operation Flood, which uses part of the huge surplus of milk products that the CAP generates in

In the 15 years or so that it has been supported by the EEC Operation Flood has received more than \$500m of skimmed milk powder and butter oil.

The aim has been to increase the supply of milk and to raise its price. Thus the standard of nutrition of the population is raised while the incomes of the rural poor are increased.

Supporters say Operation Flood has been so successful that other Third World countries want to develop similar schemes. But critics, who are numerous, main-tain that the system simply gets rid of Europe's, surpluses.



Caught between falling prices (due to the CAP and US subsidies) and high in rest rates, many growers face oankruptcy. Paradoxically, more would have gone broke aheady were the situation not so serious. "It's the old story," Charles says. "If you owe the bank \$1,000, you've got a problem. If you owe \$100,000, the bank's got a problem."

Australia fought back at the September GATT meeting, emerging as a forceful and effective spokesman for the small non-subsidized farm exporters.

port, including:

that That farmers sell their children to stave off debt.
"Most of Bangkok's si

filled with people from the morth east, that has always been so. Certainly many children from those areas do end up in brothels

acted on that moral plane. ment is why should Benesels belly ment is why should Brussels belly a small mation like ours whom they are afraid to tackle the super-powers on their contribution to the cereal surplus: why Thailand's tapioca, and not America's citrus pulp?"

Not Peisri is a 55-year-old frame in Senter Chelichet, 100

farmer in Sanarm Chaikhet, 100 miles from Bangkok. "We were very poor 20 years ago. Then inpioes heought good years. For the first time there was money for food and a little more. We made seven could go to school. Books. Two bicycles to take them. We don't have TV, but we have radio, tapioca had become a had crop. Now we are getting only 0.9 baht (2.4 p) per kilo; once it was 4.5 b, baht. I don't know where Brusseis is exactly. I don't understand why they tell me to grow mange or encelyptus. Such things take years to give good crop. Meanwhile how do we est?"

Professor Amma said he was hopeful in at least one respect: "So far we have been able to keep government out of decisions. We have to deal with that ludicrous state of mind known as

ports from ontside the Community are subject to price controls. No internal

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and machinery.

The greatest advantage, though, is the comprehensive back-up French farmers reseven days a week litt 1 / years, he spent almost a decade with the NFU seeing both sides of the industry. "Anyone could see that farming in Britain was getting harder every year," he ceive from the co-operatives to which the vast unjority be-long. From marketing crops and providing technical ser-vices and advice the co-op-eratives work to improve their members' lot.

says. In France he found quality agricultural land at half the Losers on the zigzag



clear perspective of the way

ahead because of Brussels' zigzag course on agricultural policies," says Dr Walter farmers regard Florian, State Agriculture with some ins-

tification, as the losers in the Community. mostly small family operations, have almost halved from 1,385,300 m 1960 to 720,800 in 1985, but farmers' incomes are still at 1974 levels, averaging £8,500 a "German farmers have no

Secretary. West Germany's government last May agreed a na-tional financial first aid programme for farmers based on tax-free subsidies to help

them pay their social security contributions, plus grants to those in depressed areas. But Bonn, for years the largest net contributor to the EEC budget, wants more done towards cutting over-production.



Ine French system une-tions excellently at every level," Whittingham observes. "With almost 20 per cent of the population involved in agriculture, we obviously have great political clout and the co-

op leadership understands It is this ability to work the corridors of power, Whittingham considers, that gives French farmers their apparent edge in the dog-fight to make the most of the CAP.

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TOMORROW How science is

making the

per cent of milk produced in the EEC goes into dairy pro-duce, resulting in ever-accu-mulating intervention stocks of butter and skimmed milk on imports of vegetable oils, but large subsidies to processors to persuade them to use local oilseed rape, sunflowers • Pigment: Intervention price is deliberately set too low because of the ease with which

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Milk preducts: Seventy-five

much lower world price.

 Olive oil: imports subject to levies, and EEC growers re-ceive subsidies. • Fruit and vegetables: Imports subject to duties if prices fall below agreed level

market support.

overproduce.

 Hops: Grants are available for the establishment of pro-ducer organizations and to encourage growers to switch to



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WEDNESDAY PAGE

'Feminism has been hijacked, but it is not lost; common sense is a great influence and mainstream women are ready to reclaim the movement'

bout a month ago a friend sent me a copy of Private Eye's anthalogy "Wimmin", its col-"loony feminist nonsense." Many of the entries were hilarious, of course, but I was especially taken with an advertisement for a design competition for women's posters.

"Young women under 21", it read, "are invited to design a poster depicting themselves and their lives in a non-stereotyped and positive way, in a com-petition being organised by the See Red Women's Workshop.

"Earles are particularly wel-

come from young women who are Black, Jewish, Lesbian, have disabilities, are mothers, unemployed or live in Scotland, Ireland or Wales. There will be no overall wincer of the

That particular advertisement eemed to me to sum up every spect of the loony wing of feminism, from its gender confusion to its egalitarian muddle. I wanted to enter very much, but try as I might, I couldn't think of a single one of my acquaintances who would fill more than three of the categories. Of course, one gets a bit squeamish about asking even good friends if they are both lesbian and from Wales.

Like a lot of women of my age (mid-40s) and class (middlish-to-vague) I have an ambivalent relationship with feminism. After all, those of us who have been out m the work place for 20 years or so cannot possibly deny that at times the arrangement of our reproductive organs has been an impediment to better wages and advancement. I remember when I worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation some 20 years ago and was assigned the job of training a new male employee in the finer points of film production.

He was paid 30 dollars a week more than me. "But, Barbara," said the executive producer when I complained, "Keith has a wife and family to support." I suppose there was some logic to the producer's remarks. Twenty years ago, the law demanded that Keith support his wife and family at penalty of jail. On the other hand, if I wish to sit in bed, eat chocolates all day, let my husband wash the children and pay for my sweets on top of it, it was perfectly all right as far as the law was

In that sense, Keith did have more responsibilities than I and perhaps it was right that the workplace recognised this inequality before the law and paid him more. Today the law has changed



and men and women are supposed to share responsibilities and the marketplace is supposed to treat us all equally. It doesn't quite do that yet, still — in spite of the difficulties women do encounter — I have never thought them to be the result of a male conspiracy. Society, it seemed to me, arranged itself in the best way to guarantee its survival.

In the pre-technological age, this meant that men went out and did the heavy labour. Women stayed home to have children simply because the high rate of infant mortality did force us to spend a great deal of time breeding and mourning and breeding again. All of this changed, of course, when technology freed women from the high risks of childbirth and at the same time allowed men and women to perform similar tasks regardless of their differences.

changes feminism could never have come into being. But having said that; I'm very pleased the women's movement developed. I happen to a bilious shade of magenta when male co-workers call me "dear". I didn't need feminism to help me cope with that, of course, but I think it very unlikely that I would have been appointed editor of a Canadian deity newspaper if the Zeitseit of daily newspaper if the Zeitgeist of the time hadn't been affected by feminism. What feminism did was help speed up changes of attitude in the workplace. And, insofar as feminism coincided with the gen-eral principles of a rational and liberal society in which individuals should be treated on their own merits irrespective of race,

religioo or gender, feminism has been an unqualified good. But something went wrong with

feminism. It started in the 1970s when the ambitions of the women's movement were translated into such pieces of legislation as the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts. I think we made one fundamental error that went against the thrust of a liberal democratic society: we confused legal discrimination with individual rights to discriminate. The law, of course, should never

discriminate. But that always seemed a separate thing from passing laws that removed an individual's right to discriminate in favour of a man or woman. Remove that and I think you remnve the right of people tn arrange their own private lives or businesses.

At the same time, feminism went after much more than equality. It seemed to want special privileges like time off to have

babies while their jnh was conveniently held. I can't blame women far having such ambitings, but an matter haw much I sympathize with people's private goals. I have never thought they should be legislated. At best you work for

The real watershed for feminism came when it was hijacked from the mainstream by three groups. Generally speaking, those groups included the Marxistminist fringe who often latch nn to any legitimate grievance for their own purposes; the manhating fringe group of women who seem to have a psychological problem with the gender to which they belong, and the mindless egalitarians of our day who simply cannot, in the work place, see the difference between such concepts as equality and statistical parity. Those groups took the women's mnvement into the balmy fringe world in which the tabloids

deligh L That is the world where, for example, Brent council will ban tea-dance posters because they show a man and a woman foxtrotting in a relentlessly heterosexual clinch which is considered upsetting to homosexuals; or the world of local town halls like Bradford which became genderfree zones banning words such as "housewife" and "manpower". It

the Inner-London Educational Authority, with its banning of books like Tom Sawyer and its promotion of such books as Jenny Lives, with Eric and Martin, in which the homosexual family is actively promnted as an alter-native lifestyle. It is a world in which if there are 55 per cent women io the labour farce, it is, ipso facto, a sign of unfairness if there are only 5 per cent female

train drivers.

But though the movement has been hijacked, I don't believe it is lost. British commnn sense is a great steadying influence. Mainstream women are, it seems to me, ready to mave back and reclaim feminism. All that is necessary is that when any course of action is proposed in the name of feminism, it be tested against two principles: is it in cooflict with the narmal principles of liberalism or of commonsense?

These two priociples would, for example, eliminate the radicalism of book banning and the oonsense that there is oo difference between the two genders. With those ordering principles in mind, the women's movement could easily get back on the rails again.

> Barbara Amiel A Times Newspapers Ltd 1995

A round-up of news,

Presents

Bath salts and crystallised giager may make perfectly pleasant presents — but inmas gifts for the elderly and disabled can be found in the Products For Home Health Care catalogue, which specialises in Ingenious im-plements designed to make-life run more smoothly for the handicapped and the old. squeezers, one handed boiled egg cutters, needle-threaders gadgets in the catalogue, available by post from Not-tingham Rehab Ltd, 17 Lud-low Hill Road, Melton Road,

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"Christmas is what it was like last time." Jilly Cooper, author.

Play it safe

The lauach of Esther Rantzen's Childline high-lighted the plight of parents and teachers in making children understand the importance of saying 'no' to strangers. Keeping Safe by Michele Elliot (Bedford Square Press, £2.95) is packed with advice on tackling the subject, whether with toddiers or toesagers. It is available in bookshops or by post (£3.32 ine p & p) from Harper and Row Distrib-utors, Estover Road, Plymouth PL6 7PZ.

Russian rose

Even the imagination of Barpressed to conjure a tale as romantic as Eugenie Fraser's fascinating fascinating chronicle of her Russian girlhood The House By The River (Corgi, £3.95). Frascr, now in her nineties, fled to Scotland in 1920 as Russia faced devastation following the Revolution. It may read like romantic fiction - but candid observations of her illustrious family provide a fascinating insight into a privileged childhood.

Josephine Fairley

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(Charly Ref. No. 231323) "Her final days with you were among the happiest of her life. Your gendle skills connect the dismal business of dying into an

between husband are echoed again. and again by grateful isculies. They are quoted here in hanksoving to you for the kind

Tracing the path to long lost parents

Ariel Bruce is unusual, even unique: she is a professional searcher and tracer, tracking down the parents of children who have been adopted or taken into care and who wish. as adults, to regain their roots. She also advises - and, when necessary, consoles - her clients during a process of family rediscovery that is "90 per cent happy, and 10 per cent just the reverse."

Bruce's experiences show that a widespread need exists for her special services, despite provision for such family reunions under the 1975 Children Act. It all began with an encounter three years ago with James, an odd job man of 18 who had wanted to find his mother since early childhood. Since then she has enabled about 70 "children", some new in middle-age, to meet their "natural" or "birth parents", often for the first

time since infancy.
"If the Act worked as it was meant to, I'd be superfluous", says Bruce, a 34-year-old qualified social worker from Weybridge in Surrey. "And if I could be employed within the

to teach her that "many of the best intentions behind the 1975 Children Act have been thwarted. And that's where I

came in. Her first faltering steps in family tracing were under-taken with extreme reluc-tance. "James was doing jobs right to deny him any help she could offer.

One case led to another,

The appliance of social science is

being used to

reunite parents with children -

David Leitch finds it's big business

around the house and then, out of the blue, he said he was adopted. Would I help with the records so he could find his mum? I said no automati-

cally - and I kept saying no." Her negative response. Bruce now admits, "was because I held the stereotyped view of someone who hadn't thought it out. I felt be was too young, only 18. I didn't want the personal responsibility, and I felt be shouldn't be

cncouraged." However, James's determination proved stronstatutory services to do an ger than Bruce's reluctance. identical job l'd jump at it. It would mean the system was should set about it I made functioning properly."

It took James's experience the births register at St

Catherice's House in London." It was soon clear that James did not possess the skills to pursue the project alone and Bruce decided that she had no

largely by word of mouth, though in time she advertised in a newspaper. From the start she found the research enthrailing — "like solving a detective story". There was a fascinated initiation into the arcane world of genealogists. arcane world of genealogusts.
Bruce was astounded to discover, for example, a harassed band of specialists who devote themselves to winkling out (for a fat percentage) vanished next-of-kin — the unknown

She was able to learn from the Dickensian metier. "Wills are often invaluable indicators", she says, "though only among the middleclasses. The poor, for obvious reasons, usually die intestate."

Unlike James, most clients have been middle-aged and well educated. They include teachers, psychotherapists, a farmer, an insurance executive and social workers. And there are many more women

The work is detailed and time-consuming. "One case took 18 months but, because I've developed an eye for the right nuance, I did one recently in 24 hours flat.

"People need someone sympathetic but cool, and matter-of-fact", she believes. "A lady said recently that I was the first person who made her feel a wish to find her birth mother after 30 years was entirely normal. After all, it is, isn't it?" What happens if the story

One case led to another, turns out to be a sad one, or



the discovered parent wishes, for good reasons or not, to leave the past buried?
"Nine results in ten are

excellent. But there can be cruel and hurtful rejections, and they are extraordinarily sad. But even when it doesn't work out I've never heard anyone say that they wished they hadn't done it. "Most people come to terms with their family history ooce

they learn about it. It's the unknown which is so disturbing, and won't let them alone. "One person I worked for

had the experience of everything falling to pieces a year after making contact. The prognosis probably wasn't good from the start. But I'm still there for the client, two years later, which makes all the difference." Because she believes that

she has no right to withhold information Bruce follows each project to its conclusion - even if she has doubts about

the address, handwriting, a voice on the phone - you get a

sixth sense", she stressed. What happens if a client comes in a vindictive spirit? Polly Toyobee refers to such a case in her book Lost Children and in fiction, if not in fact,

'Cruel rejections can be terribly hurtful and sad'

the idea of a child coming back to reap vengeance on a parent who has deserted them is well-known."It has never happened - the clients are always solicitous to a fault about their unknown parents," she insists.

The idea of people paying fees for a service which was meant to be available, if only in part, under the Children Act, will not commend itself

TALKBACK

ers. They lack the resources, perceotage suggests." however, to undertake traces

themselves. Phillida Sawbridge, director of the newly-established Post-Adoptioo Centre at 48 much fulfilling a need. Un-covering the past is very challengiog. Imagioe confronting a total stranger, Imagioe

perhaps in some sterile building or dreary office, who knows more aboot your past than you do yourself?"

She thinks that counselling is all the more important because the 1975 Act has only been implemented in part. "The well-known section 26 provisioo for one hour's com- Surrey.

"I tend to get a picture from to everyone. NORCAP (the pulsory counselling was meant National Organisation for the to be backed up by a full range Counselling of Adoptees and of local authority adoption their Parents) is a fast-grow-ing, widely experienced self-help group, coovinced that There are also many more volunteers with first-hand scarchers, I believe, than the experience are the best help- Registrar-General's tioy searchers, I believe, than the

Most of Ariel Bruce's 70 successful scarches will oever be counted in the Registrar-General's statistics. They are the fruit of a freelance effort Meckleohnrgh Square, Londoo WCI, says: "As things stand, Ariel Bruce is very stand, Ariel Bruce is very her tutor wheo she graduated from Kingston Poly.

> "We believe that Ariel Bruce will make some innovative contribution to social work," the report said. "We also expect it will be outside the statutory social services."

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All the fury of the fayre

Roll Up, Roll Up. Ye Olde Christmas Fayre is upon us.
The Big Bang, Bob Geldof and
the Standing Order to Oxfam
have not made a jot of
difference to this, the biggest time of the year for buying and selling second-hand goods in the name of charity. We do, it seems, thrive on emptying the attic one day and filling it the next with someone cise's In our efforts to swell the

charity coffers, there are, how-ever, greater pitfalls than sheer bad taste. This is my guide to the Christmas fayre. First, be aware of the consumer law as it now stands. If you are a stallholder for the great day itself do not get carried away on behalf of the Good Cause and tell white lies about the things you're flogging. If that old television set you persuade Mrs Smith to buy for a fiver actually blows up in her face the next day, you might be able to avoid being prosecuted for selling dangerous goods, but if you swear it's colour and it turns out to be black and white Mrs Smith is entitled to

her money back on the grounds of misdescription. If you're a customer remember that it's a rotten trick to floors. force the seller into a corner about the goods. If you've Surprisingly enough, some spent all year being the clued new ideas don't work as well up Which? buying woman as the old favourites.

now is the time to abandon— "Down the Drain" was a any abrasive castomer tech-nique you may have acquired. I saw at one event the other

Should you get roped in to evening. You had to drop



charity looms and shoddy second-hand goods are a-plenty

holding a Christmas favre in your home, do consider the cost of wear and tear in advance. If you're going to make £200 in an event which wrecks the hall and stair carpet, ruins the paintwork and leaves you exhausted and not speaking to your husband all the following week, maybe you would be better cancelling the invasion. If it's too late to do that at least have the good sense to serve food and wine roughly the same shade as the

How to make your money?

money down a piece of clean plastic drain pipe, guess the evening's total and, if correct, win back half of the mone raised. Around a 120 well heeled guests speculated on amounts up to £145 but the total proved to be a paltry £30. Now that we are all hypochondriacs and take an unhealthy interest in things medical, one heart surgeon I know of has hit on the right idea. At his fund-raiser he brought home his equipment and had guests queuing up, and paying for, their blood pressure readings. Pity he hadn't used even more imagination. Guessing who apart from the hostess - has

game than guessing the weight of the cake. Finally, beware the idea of a jumble stall. Remember that old joke about the woman helper stripping off her cardi-gan during the first flood of bargain-hunters and finding later that she'd sold it for

the highest blood pressure in

the room could be a livelier

"Whoever in their right mind would have let their husband walk around in these?", can roll off the tongue all too easily as you exhibit those flared checked golfing trousers. It's the icy reply " did" that blows more cruelly back at you than any bleak

mid-winter gost.

From Ellen Eisenstein. Regarding Barbara Amiel's

article on the question of a man's right to decide if his unborn child is to be aborted unborn child is to be aborted or not (Wednesday Page, November 19), for ages it has smugly been claimed by men that anatomy is destiny and that women must accept the disadvantages of being female if they want the so-called advantages being a woman advantages being a woman offers them in return.

The same goes for men - they cannot have it both ways, either. If anatomy is destiny,

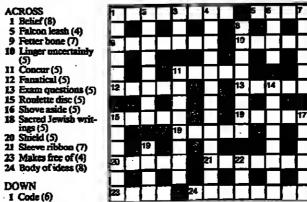
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fact that since thety cannot give birth, then they should not have a deciding voice over From Mrs S Parkinson, Maidstone, Kent.

Barbara Amiel conludes her article, "I don't want to force any unwilling mother to spead years bringing up an unwanted child, but surely when there is a parent happy to do this..." I suggest one should add "or couple wishing to adopt".

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A long trail a-winding

David Steel attains some of his goals, even if he has to wait ten years to do so. After enduring a decade of fearfully cramped politi-cal life, he hosts a modest occasion tonight to celebrate the acquisition of a suitably spacious office in the bowels of the Palace of Westminster. So labyrinthine is the route that he has had a pub-style sign hung outside the door to declare his presence within. One cross-party irony is that Steel is beholden for all this to Labour MP John Silkin, chairman of the Commons accommodation and administration sub-committee. I gather that Steel intends to offer a prize, bruited to be a bottle of champagne, for the first Liberal to find his or her way to the premises tonight. I am putting my money on Elizabeth Shields, recent victor at the Ryedale by-election, who has been gleaning intelligence from Steel's research staff.

Chez new

Much amusement among Tory MPs over a request by the whips office for updated telephone numbers and addresses "and any other numbers where you may be contacted." One MP tells me: "One's mind boggles as to what might be included in that range." He said it, not me.

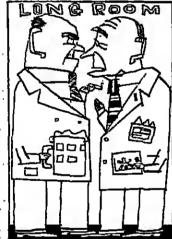
Millennial

I have heard of forward planning, but Michael Storey, managing director of Westminster Cahle Television, stretches the concept to its logical limit. He has just put down a £5,000 deposit for an option to book Wembley Stadium for the night of December 31, 1999, for a "Greatest Hits of the Twentieth Century" concert. I have to confess that the prospect of Mick Jagger strutting about the stage just a few years short of qualifying for a pension strikes me as fine entertainment value.

Exotic East

The most improbable holiday resort, I would have thought, is the London Borough of Islington. Hence I am surprised to note that it is the only London council to have its own stand at the World Travel Market in London, "For the first time we have taken a stand at the show to promote the borough and create jobs," says a spokesman. "Where are Westminster and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea?" Filching a few timely ideas from Bradford, which promoted Last of the Summer Wine and Heriot Country holidays, Islington is offering "EastEnders mini-break weekends," with the chance to meet members of the cast.

BARRY FANTONI



Tired? I'll say. I've been up all night listening to the Radio Three commentary on the spy trial

London pride

London's cahbies so enjoyed sporting the Guinness "Genius" posters on their vehicles that about 30 of them are still driving around with them, even though their advertising payments stop-ped in May. The reason, I am told, is that taxi drivers, who have to pass a test called "the knowledge", consider the slogan to be a good reflection of their driving skills.

 Clive James, in typically uncharitable style, on the second part of his antohiography: "Actually, parts of it were written by Princess Michael."

Liaison off

Sir Alfred Sherman's campaign to save the Federation of Conservative Students has ground to an abrupt halt. At a meeting hosted by Sir Alfred on Monday night, 50 FCS members came out against the Sherman plan to establish a liaison committee; instead they have opted to join the Conservative Collegiate Forum, the organization which will replace the FCS. Only Harry Phibbs and a few other right-wing dichards are now refusing to knuckle under to Central Office. Game, set and match to Norman Tebbit.

Enlightened

Sammy Wilson, Belfast's hardline Democratic Unionist lord mayor, switched on the city's Christmas illuminations yesterday, he and his fellow Loyalists having boycotted the ceremony last year. Immediately beneath the huge "Belfast Says No" banner which is still slung across the front of the city hall in protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement, Wilson suggested yesterday that the slogan for the next few weeks should be "Belfast Says Noel." I hope it

itants. The grands ensembles were PHS increasingly the refuge of families

vided homes.

Amos Perlmutter on the departure of Admiral Poindexter

A good hand badly played

The resignation of President Reagan's National Security Ad-viser, Vice-Admiral Poindexter, exposes disastrous mismanagement of foreign policy. Current foreign policy ideas are sound; it is their execution that is at fault.

How did this embarrassing debacle occur? It has a great deal to do with the quality of those responsible for management and policy guidance at the National Security Council, going back as far as 1980. Under Reagan, the NSC has been headed and managed by men with little knowledge of foreign policy, as was the case with Judge William Clark, his second National Security Adviser, or of a specifically military outlook, such as Admiral Poindexter and former colonel Robert M cFarlane. The only academic was Richard Allen, who soon proved to be without the stature of a Kissinger or Brze-zinski and left. In fact, Reagan aides have always been apprehen-sive of the NSC being dominated by another Kissinger of Brzezinski. The result has been a succession of mediocrities or men of very narrow focus.

and structure of foreign policy and the delicacy of its implementation. In the present crisis he would have sensed the opportunities presented by a forward policy towards Iran while rec-

ognizing its pitfalls. Members of Reagan's staff havenever been clear on the line of demarcation and influence be-tween the NSC and State Department. Normally it depends on a president's personal style, but in Reagan's case it has never been clearly defined.

After this latest fiasco, the need for a strong National Security Adviser has become painfully clear, indeed, this may be the most significant lesson to emerge from the whole affair.

It was the job of the NSC to co-ordinate with the State Department, the Defense Department and other agencies to recommend to the President a consensus of policy. That was the NSC failure— recommending a policy which was obviously opposed by Defense

As Secretary of State, George

his influence and thinking got to the President instead of pretending ignorance at a later date. He was, like the NSC, negligent in his

In an earlier address to the

nation, President Reagan offered the possibility of a breakthrough on Iran and the Gulf. To address itself to the issues of Shia terrorism and fundamentalism, the US must grapple seriously with Iran. Reagan was attempting to reverse Carter's discredited policy, and well he should. He has to take into account the reality of the revolution and the influence of the Khomeini resime. None of the other so-called revolutionary movements in the Middle East from Nasserism, to Pan-Arabism

- have managed to change Mus-lim and Arab societies, their ruling classes, their political systems and politics in the way that Khomeini has changed Iran. These are the facts, however unpalatable, on which US policy must be based, not on some idealistic hope.

An American policy that geared itself to recognition of Iran and the

reality of its revolution is rife with opportunities. If anything, it would probably encourage a cer-tain degree of restraint among the Muslim fundamentalists and might help assure that religious zealotry is not used to dominate the Arab Gulf states. It would also assuage the fear that dominates thinking in the pro-western

sheikhdoms. In recognizing Iran formally, the US would at least have some leverage over the regime. Economie assistance would provide the US with further leverage in bringing an end to Shia terrorism now conducted from Syrian-occupied Lebanon. It would also act as a further obstacle to the Russians political inroads in the Middle East. The political options resulting from diplomatic negotiations include the ability, in addition to containing Shia terrorism, of restraining the more repugnant aspects of Khomeini's revolution and finally ensuring the stability of the Arab Gulf states.

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Such reforms would not necessi-tate the collapse of the Soviet

system. They require only the rejection of the Kremlin's dream

of communism dominating the entire world. Dissidents in the

USSR well understand the direct

connection between the dream that communism will prevail and

the closed and repressive nature of the regime. But their thinking is still insufficiently understood in

It was with great difficulty that

the West realized the possibility -

indeed the necessity - of using the Helsinki Final Act to improve

human rights in the Soviet Union. But before we can speak about the possibility of change, we have to make the effort for these changes

to occur. At the Belgrade review

conference, for example, not one

western delegation made such an

effort. Now, at the Vienna review

conference, everyone is speaking

about human rights, but the

majority do not name the country guilty of the violation. Most of the

western delegation have failed to

mention the names of individuals who should be released immedi-

ately from prison, labour camps, exile or psychiatric detention, or of the refuseniles who have waited

many exhausting years to leave

It is essential to demand, openly and persistently, a universal political amnesty in the USSR.

This would lead to the release of at

and foremost the 40 or so who

monitored the observation of

human rights agreements. At the very top of the least should be Dr

Andrei Sakharov, Anatoly Kozyagin - nominated for a

Nobel Peace Prize - writer

Anatoly Marchenko, the Jewish

leader Iosif Begun and Professor

Naum Meiman and his wife, who

has cancer. It is crucial to lay down

Yuri Orlov on western misunderstandings over Soviet human rights

Peace through pressure

International security cannot be guaranteed hy agreement between governments alone. Ribbentrop and Molotov embraced and shook hands immediately before the war between Germany and the USSR. One could object that in negotiat-ing for peace and friendship they did not have mutual disarmament in mind. Today however, even mutual disarmament by the USA and the USSR would not, of itself, guarantee peace.

Of course disarmament is essential. It would help to reduce the danger of war breaking out accidentally. On the other hand. complete nuclear disarmament would reduce the mutual fear of retaliation, and this would make it easier for a war to start with conventional weapons; and no matter how another world war might start, it would end with nuclear strikes. The nuclear end of the Second World War and the fierceness with which small wars are waged today leave no doubt of

True, security would not be guaranteed by agreement about mutual disarmament. Something else is required: the relationship between the peoples of the West and the Soviet bloc must be approximately the same as that etween France and Great Britain. Both are nuclear powers, but a nuclear war between them is

Is such a relationship possible between western nations and the USSR? Would not the USSR have to be capitalized, and the West Sovietized? I do not think so. The ordinary people on both sides do not want a nuclear war, so to ensure that one never happens it is essential that they have complete control over all foreign and military policies of their governments.

Further democratization is necessary for this to be achieved even in the West in the Soviet Union. the present system is totally at odds with this essential requirement for mutual security. Soviet citizens are not only denied the opportunity to protest against the military actions of their govern-ment but cannot even take an interest in them. If our Helsinki monitoring groups had become involved in these issues we would all have been sentenced as "spies" or "traitors".

The degree of secrecy in the USSR is such that passing information about political prisso it is not hard to imagine the reaction to publishing informa-tion about military policy. In

The depressing spectacle of half-empty and vandalized blocks of flats, set against the back-cloth of a

rundown urban environment is

today a new and unwelcome

feature of French cities, just as it is

in Britain. The issue has become so pressing that over the last four

years the French government has spent more than 4 billion francs (about £400 million) on rehabilita-

tion programmes. But unlike Britain, where the problem is seen to stem mainly from the 19th century, in France it is a con-

sequence of the huge, seemingly

interminable apartment com-plexes (often callwd grands en-sembles) which formed such a

significant feature of the country's

The grands ensembles were built

rapid post-war suburbanization.

in response to the severe housing

crisis in the 1950s and 1960s

produced by the combined effects

of a high birthrate, a substantial

inflow of immigrant and returning

scale movement from rural to

urban areas. In these huge estates,

the largest housing more than

20,000 people, shortcomings were

soon apparent: a high-rise, high

density living environment, poor

construction, lack of shops and services, few local jobs. But at the

time they were regarded as a

success simply because they pro-

Twenty years later many of these vast, anonymous "cites" are

rejected. The more affluent have

moved to new houses which have

mushroomed on the outskirts of

the cities, leaving behind empty

flats in deteriorating areas no

longer respected by their inhab-

colonial expatriates and a large



considering international security we cannot ignore the direct link to the overall question of human rights in the USSR, including the citizen's right to criticize government actions.

The defence of Soviet citizens

who are persecuted for expressing such criticism is therefore not only a universal moral duty but a selfinterested insurance against dangerous recklessness by the Soviet leaders. The West, unfortunately, seems almost unaware of this fact. To ensure that the people of

both sides get to know and understand each other, and so demonstrate that they want peace. there must be no barrier to free and open communication. No one in the USSR should be persecuted for their desire to leave and return to the country whenever they wish and to talk freely to foreigners.
At present, Soviet society still remains a kind of "underground organization" with respect to for-

eigners. When an "underground organization" possesses the might of a superpower, this is dangerous. Faced with the might of the Soviet state, many people in the West display cowardice, selfish-ness and a feeling of hopelessness. It seems to them that it is better not to irritate the Soviet government. Some will help to save

in the possibility of change within In fact change can be brought about, given greater collective efforts. Soviet society is incomparably better today than in the 1950s before the death of Stalin. By the end of the century a sufficient degree of openness should have been achieved to make it relatively safe for citizens to criticize military and foreign

policy. But this must be fought for today, and constantly.

in the text of the next concluding document the unassailable rights of citizens to monitor human individual victims of persecution At Helsinki the Soviet Union but they do not relate this to world promised to the world that its security, and they do not believe citizens would enjoy basic freedoms. The West must demand that that promise be kept. Some progress can be observed, but as yet it is a far cry from the right to fundamental criticism which is so

important for the security of us all © Times Newspapers, 1986, Dr Orlov, a physicist, spent nine years in Soviet prison camps and internal exile because of his work for human rights. He was allowed to leave the Soviet Union for the West last month.

John Tuppen finds cross-Channel parallels with Britain's fight against urban decay

Squalor of the inner cité

with low incomes, the unemployed and a large and diverse immigrant population often resented or misunderstood by the French and with a high proportion of adolescents, an inevitable con-sequence of the arrival 20 years ago of a large number of young families. Members of this group now face particular problems in getting jobs, especially when, as is often the case, their educational standards are low. Not surprisingly, many of these youngsters feel rejected and frustrated.

In the early 1980s their resentment exploded with a series of violent outbursts, notably in the huge complexes of Les Minguettes at Lyon and "Les 4000" at La Courneuve in the northern suburbs of Paris. It was clear that a major programme of remedial action was needed.

The government commission appointed to look into the problem put the emphasis on improving educational and vocational training and promoting racial harmony. Local bodies were given greater administrative responsibility to end the delays caused by the previous need to get the agreement of several ministries for rehabilita-

tion measures. The most obvious improve-

ment since then has been to the physical environment. Tower blocks have been demolished, despite their recent construction, and an increasing number of the remaining apartments substantially remodelled. Balconies have been added, kitchens enlarged and the buildings' previously austere and uniform facades brightened up in the hope that residents will take greater pride in their surroundings; usually they are consulted on improvements in advance.

To improve conditions generally, health centres, post offices, computer centres, and recreation halls were built and evening classes started. More social workers now operate in these areas; and advice is available on managing the family budget. Young people are helped to find jobs. Foreign housewives can learn about French cuisine, and considerable information and guidance are available to try to assist young people to find their first job. More ambitiously, employers have been urged to provide work in the tain inner areas. immediate neighbourhood and some rehabilitation jobs are avail-

able for the local residents. There has been a significant change of attitude among the housing bodies responsible for the estates. Their role in the past was simply to manage the property, often from a distance. Now some have established a local presence to resolve daily problems, such as the need for repairs, which were previously left unattended. Similarly, allocation procedures have been revised to ensure a wider assortment of occupants in any one block.

More than t20 suburbs have now been designated for priority rehabilitation; and in the last four years 40,000 flats have been modernized and vacancy rates have fallen; the unrest of the early 1980s has largely evaporated.

But, in spite of the obvious progress, problems remain. Few new jobs have been created and change seems unlikely without an improvement in the Frency economy overall. The work of refurbishing flats has been slow and expensive.

Moreover, as the number of areas qualifying for government assistance has grown, expenditure in any one district has diminished, leading to the disappearance of some new services and a dissipation of the initial enthusiasm. Indeed, the problem of an equitable and adequate distribution of financial resources is likely to grow, because it is now clear that rehabilitation is no longer a problem only of the grands ensembles but also of much of the public-sector housing throughout the country and, increasingly, privately-owned property in cer-

Here a further parallel might be drawn with Britain, where the idea of rehabilitation being linked with one type of area has been shown to Wilfred Beckerman

Pay: Lawson's real U-turn

Perhaps I should not be writing this in public since the success of the Chancellor's economic strategy depends on nobody noticing what it really is. But politicians cannot keep anything hidden for long, as President Reagan has discovered over arms for Iran. So Lewson's real U-turn, as distinct from the imaginary one, might as well be exposed now.

Until recently be constantly declared that unemployment could not be reduced without greater flexibility in the labour market, and particularly in real wages. He enunciated this doc-trine clearly in his Mais lecture in 1984 and repeated it frequently thereafter. In this he was stoutly supported by the OECD and by The Economist, which regularly publishes a diagram prepared by the OECD purporting to establish a relationship between real wage rigidity in various countries and the degree to which their unemployment rates have risen. These diagrams show Britain as having the most rigid real wages and the highest increase in unpected to deduce that Britain's rise in unemployment must be a result of our greater wage rigidity.

It is this doctrine that the Chancellor seems quietly to have dropped Presumably be has finaily discovered that, given other features of the British economy, unemployment is not the result of real wages being too high but of being too low.
The continued rise of real wages

of those in jobs is probably partly responsible for the increase in overall demand and slight fall in memployment over the past few months. This must be very welcome to the Chancellor in the runup to an election. It makes it less necessary for him to take expansionary action in the form of large, genuine increases in public expenditure. (The planned increases announced in the autumn statement arose largely out of increases in areas of local authority expenditure over which central government has little control). The rise in wages also adds to government tax revenue, thereby leaving scope for further expenditure increases or tax cuts in the next budget without laying himself open to charges of fiscal irresponsibility in the interests of a pre-electoral U-turn.

Overt expansionary action would be undesirable on two main counts. First, it would unnerve the City and so threaten the exchange, rate and import prices, which are a major determinant of domestic inflation. The level of unemployment has little effect on inflation since the unemployed become negotiations. Secondly, some economists would argue that if those in work clearly saw, or expected, expansionary policies they might demand such large wage micreases as to prevent the outsiders from being hured.

In an economy where invest-ment is sluggish, where the non-oil balance of payments is worsening and where the government's rhetoric prevents it from offsetting the deflationary balance in the private sector by an adequate deficit in the public sector, the only hope for any sustained expansion of demand must be in

the continued rise in real wages.

This is a stender hope and a short-term remedy at best. On the demand side too much of the increased consumption will be of imported goods and, on the supply side, our competitiveness will suffer even further. By early next year the deterioration in the balance of payments could be-come more serious, and with it the threat to the exchange rate. Lawson may still have time to get in a generous budget in the spring before the price is paid, including perhaps hasty devaluation jus-tified as part of a package involv-ing our entry into the European Monetary System — hence, per-haps, the current refusal to do so before it is really necessary.

It is like the pre-election developments in 1964 which left the incoming Labour government with a balance of payments crisis to deal with. But the 1964 election did produce a change of govern-ment. This time the strategy of raising real wages for the 87 per cent still in work may mean that it will be Lawson who faces the consequences of a consumption-

The official Conservative doctrine has always been that infla-tion must be eliminated for ton must be eliminated for employment to be raised. It is now clear how this works: inflation comes down, fortnitously, as a result of falling world commodity prices. Interest rates are still kept high, largely to protect the ex-change rate which is the cruz of the artisinflationary policy. This the anti-inflationary policy. This dampens investment and weakens the current balance of payments. But, since none of this has much effect on wages, in the end real wages rise enough to leave a bit over for domestic consumption after satisfying increased demand for cars and other imports. The election is won, followed by an even nastier balance of payments crisis. But, in political terms, that's a long way off. The author is a Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford.

Paul Vallely

Walking into trouble

Los Angeles Some of the time in California they mean what they say. There are the bartenders who tell you that beneath their short white jackets they are really poets and men of letters dedicated to the reevaluation of the reputation of Rupert Brooke. There are the would-be movie moguls with nothing to lose except their rented West Hollywood apartments who will wax greedily about the bankability of the new package they are putting together. And there are the traffic signs. In Los Angeles when it says "Don't

Walk" it means "Don't Walk". The other day I saw an assorted line of automobiles standing respectfully at the junction of Sunset and Vine while an elderly woman with a gnarled walnut stick hobbled across the road. The traffie signal was on green but the cars stood patiently as she moved before them. There was no unseemly revving of the engines, no sounding of horns, not even an irritable tapping of fingers on the steering wheel.

To me, a recent arrival from New York, where cars seem to be compulsorily fitted with some heat-seeking anti-pedestrian de-vice, it seemed an unnatural occurrence. As I leaned forward to get a better view of the woman I noticed the face of the driver of the white and green taxi cab in which I was sitting. He was smiling tol-erantly. The woman was old, in her eighties, perhaps, and tanned and wrinkled as a sun-soaked sultana. Her clothes were elegant, though their designer would not have thought her their best advertisement. An aging starlet of the golden era?, I wondered aloud. "No, it's jest a little old lady," he

But if West Coast drivers are surprisingly benign in their attitudes to aberrant pedestrians the same cannot be said of the traffic cops. As she reached the sidewalk a policeman was waiting with an open notebook. He began to write. The sign had said "Don't Walk". and the City of Los Angeles, no respecter of age, was giving the little old lady a ticket.

Since 1980, policemen in Greater Los Angeles have written out nearly 250,000 tickets in a deliberate campaign which has doubled the number of prosecutions. Looking around the place it is hard to imagine that there ever were that many pedestrians, let alone jaywalkers.
Los Angeles is a city conceived,

constructed and controlled by car drivers. The streets are wide and the houses in the suburbs stand in well-spaced gardens with ample driveways. The conurbation sprawls for tens of miles in each exactly what they say.

direction. Public transport in many areas seems virtually nonexistent. It is almost as if the very act of walking constitutes a challeage to the autocracy of the

If ignorance is no excuse for jaywalking, neither is injury. An 82-year-old woman who was recently inching her way across a Beverley Hills boulevard was knocked down by a speeding car. When she arrived home after 10 days in hospital she found a jaywalking ticket to welcome her.

Defending the routine practice of ticketing both jaywalker and driver in such cases as good policing, the LA traffic department says that strict enforcement helps keep down the number of deaths. The US National Safety Council has estimated that more than a third of all pedestrians killed in motor accidents were jaywalking, and certainly the number of pedestrians killed in Los Angeles fell last year by 28 per cent to 102,

But there seems no consensus among traffic experts on whether there is any causal relationship. New York and Chicago, which both have more relaxed regimes, suffer similar rates. And there can be no doubt that the issue raises other complications - as well as

A Santa Monica lawyer, Robert Mann, has filed a complaint alleging "unlawful detention" after being held for 20 minutes by a traffic cop who claimed that he couldn't read the attorney's signature on the jaywalking ticket -you sign them in lieu of bail as a guarantee that you will plead correctly at a future hearing. Another case is pending in which a man claims that during his arrest for jaywalking in 1984 he was shot in the groin by a police stungun, rendering him impotent.

Policemen say that most jaywalkers accept their ticket good-naturedly. Those who ask why the cops aren't out doing something more useful, like catching murderers, are told that the cops would be if they didn't have to waste time ticketing jaywalkers.

There are few exemptions. Recipients of LA jaywalking tickcts, the police here will proudly tell you, include persons as elevated as the US Attorney General, Edwin Meese III, and the head of the CIA, William Casey. To get off with a mere reprimand in this principality of the angels it seems you have to be a member of the most exalted ranks of the seraphim. Linda Evans, an actress in America's leading soan, Dynassy, was earlier this year let off with only a warning. Well, some of the time in California they mean



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THE FIRST CASUALTIES

The resignation of President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, and the murky circumstances which attended it are evidence that only part of the truth, and perhaps a very small part of the truth, about the US arms-for-Iran affair has so far been told. The more details are uncovered, the more still seems to be buried. For the first time since he took office, power sits uneasily on the President. It is a dispiriting

President Reagan's judgement on matters of national and international import is now being comprehensively called into question. For the second time since the dealings with Iran became public, he has been forced to backtrack. Only 24 hours before announcing Mr Poindexter's resignation, he had insisted that his policy towards Iran had not been in error. There would, he said, be no resignations. Now there has been both a resignation and a dismissal and the whole edifice of the National Security Council is starting to look shaky.

If President Reagan's advis-ers had been actively trying to discredit his administration, they could scarcely have done better in the timing and content of yesterday's revelations. It now appears that not only was the United States selling arms to Iran in contravention of its own embargo, that not belp to still curiosity; specula-only was it so lacking in tion, most of it harmful to the circumspection as to get caught, but that the sales operation itself was handled at worst dishonestly, at best with incompetence.

Ten days ago, when the President's enemies and even many of his friends were baying for blood, a single resignation, most probably that of Mr Poindexter, might have sufficed. The National Security Adviser had already been tainted by suggestions that he had fed disinformation to the Wall Street Journal about US intentions towards Libya. The misguided nature of the Iranian contacts appeared to seal his fate. Now, his scalp will not be enough. The calls will not and should not be for blood, but for the

Thus far, the truth amounts to a sophisticated piece of creative foreign policy which went wrong because the other party - a certain group of ayatollahs who hoped for power in a post-Khomeini Iran - was found out or chose to divulse the details. It seemed to extend to a deal in which a quantity of arms was sold to Iran in return for the release of

US hostages held in Lebanon. It now includes elements of devious financial dealing in which the main beneficiaries were the Nicaraguan Contras. Promise of a full judicial inquiry into the affair may tion, most of it harmful to the President, will continue until it is complete and probably be-

In stating that he was not apprised of all these elements of the Iran deal, President Reagan may have helped to protect his position as the rest of this sorry affair unfolds. The Secretary of State, George Shultz, may also benefit. He has said all along that he knew some, but by no means all of

the truth.

Yet the President's ig-norance reflects poorly both on him personally and on his closest advisers. Until now the US public and the world had assumed that even if President Reagan had neither the time nor the inclination to engross himself in the fine details of policy-making, he had the broader vision appropriate to his office, he had an overall grasp of the situation and he knew when to take advice and from whom. Yesterday's revelations cast doubt on that

last and perhaps crucial point. The President retains his reputation for openness which may have been enhanced by the decision to give details of the financial irregularities as soon as they became known, even though they were bound to be as damaging as anything that has emerged so far. That openness now needs to be continued - if necessary, at the cost of further departures.

TINKER, AUTHOR, SALESMAN, SPY

The revelation that Mr Peter Wright received half of the royalties for Their Trade Is Treachery, the book upon which he collaborated with Mr Chapman Pincher, has further confused an already tangled affair. Mr Wright claims that it is evidence of a Government. plot to smear his name. It certainly reveals him as a man driven by financial gain as well as by other motives he may

have. Its initial impact, however, was more unfavourable to the Government's case than to Mr Wright's. First appearances were that Lord Rothschild. presumably acting in some official interest if not capacity, had arranged for Mr Wright to be brought over to Britain and offered a substantial sum for his cooperation in writing a book about events in British intelligence during his period of service there.

The implication was clear and extremely damaging. It is that far from protecting the confidentiality of state intelligence services, which is the principle the Government claims to be upholding in the Australian courts, Ministers on this earlier occasion had procured its wholesale abandonment under the insubstantial cloak of Mr

Wright's anonymity. Questions are certainly raised by this curious episode which, until Lord Rothschild offers his own account, will be subject to conflicting interpretations. In whose interest was Lord Rothschild acting and with what purpose? On his own account? On behalf of a faction in one of the mtelligence agencies? Or on behalf of the Government", however defined? No one at present knows the answers to these

vague inferences. The first is that, in intelligence matters, a dark official conspiracy must always be afoot. Another arises from Mr Wright's reverential attitude to Lord Rothschild whom he sees as a Mycroft Holmes moving in the very highest circles in the land and thus, almost inevitably, the Prime Minister's fixer on this

and other occasions. The final "proof" of official culpability is that Ministers failed to move against the Pincher-Wright book in the courts. That last point is the strongest. But it is more plausibly interpreted as a political judgement that greater trouble and embarrassment would be caused by prosecution than by official silence.

This is a strong argument and one, indeed, which the Government's critics would have preferred it to have acted upon in the Australian case. Why, they ask, do they resist now a logic they apparently accepted then?

The different official decisions in the two cases rest upon a crucial distinction which the Prime Minister rightly reaffirmed in the Commons yesterday: namely, that there is a world of difference between a signed memoir by a former intelligence officer and a book by an outsider, however well-supplied with information from insiders. It is more plausible, more authori-

tative and so more damaging. Yet if the damage done to the Government by the news of Mr Wright's royalties diminishes upon examination, the damage done to Mr Wright himself increases. Until now, he has presented himself as

The view that he was acting man driven entirely by the for the Government rests not need to expose both a traitor upon evidence but upon three and a cover-up. It now transpires that he was in need of money in order to keep his farm from bankruptcy and that he sought to obtain it at the cost of breaking his duty of confidentiality.

> To conclude from this that Mr Wright acted from corrupt financial motives would be to go too far. He gives every appearance of being obsessed by the Hollis affair and of wishing to continue in public the battle he lost at the secret trials. Nonetheless, doubt has at least been cast upon the purity of his motives and by sion upon the justice of his case.

> What is more important is that the introduction of financial gain into this affair has greatly increased the importance of the principle that the Government is defending. When the duty of confidentiality was threatened solely by a former intelligence officer with an obsession about a possible "mole", it was threatened by a rare and exceptional hazard. It was then possible to make some sort of case that silence was the most prudent response to publication.

Greed, however, is a much more common human failing than obsessiveness. If intelligence officers are able with impunity to sell to publishers the secrets they obtained during their service, some will be tempted by the large rewards to do so. The avalanche of secrets that would then ensue - and the knowledge that all current secrets might be exposed after the next retirement - would make it impossible to run an intelligence service at all. That is the magnitude of what is at stake in Australia.

TEACHERS OF QUALITY

There is still a strongly held view in some parts of the teaching profession that to attempt to assess quality in education is a waste of time. Which? reports are all very well for washing machines, so the argument goes, but education is a more complicated

matter altogether. Of course, it is perfectly true that good teaching is easier to recognise than to define. But the dilemma now facing the Education Secretary, Mr Kenneth Baker, over teachers' pay is essentially about quality. A higher level of teachers' pay is appropriate - that is agreed. Nor is there now much dispute about the quantity. The agreement worked out at the Arbritration and Conciliation Service between the majority of teacher unions and the local authority employers could cost about £70 million more over the next 2 years than the £600 million proposed by the Government, but in relation to the total size of the package the

gap is not wide. What remains at issue is the improvement in the quality of teaching which it can be expected to achieve. A steep keeping good teachers in the education should be improved change in pay levels such as classroom rather than forcing if its cost is to increase.

the teaching unions propose can only be contemplated if it administrative posts. delivers an improvement in the productivity of teachers.

That is why Mr Baker really has no choice tomorrow when he meets the leader of the local authority employers, Mr John Pearman, other than to stick to his guns in demanding a radical restructuring of teachers pay scales. The choice is between an ACAS deal, which gives most to those on the lower grades and actually compresses differentials, and the Baker proposals which would improve the prospects of middle grade teachers.

Admittedly, both sets of proposals offer a reasonably attractive starting salary, around the average for good honours graduates. But whereas the ACAS deal gives most to those who do least well, extending the rewards for grade one and two teachers. the Government wants to introduce incentive posts for good teachers, and for those teachers in subjects where there is a shortage in grades three, four and above. They have the further merit of

them to seek promotion into

Mr Baker seems prepared to accept the ACAS deal so far as it relates to terms and conditions. But he needs to look at the details of the agreement with a very beady eye. It is, after all, the number of free periods, the degree to which teachers are expected to cover for absent colleagues and similar factors which convert perfectly acceptable pupil/teacher ratios into unacceptably large classes. Nor should he uncritically accept the aspiration of a maximum pupil/teacher ratio of 33 without insisting on action concerning the minority of classes which are accepted by educationalists to be not too large, but too small for

effective teaching With two out of the six teacher unions not prepared to sign the ACAS deal, Mr Baker can afford to hold out for something closer to his own objectives. Although parents fervently want an end to disruption in schools, they also want to see the Government insisting that the quality of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cutting councils Failings in the churches' mission down to size

From Mr P. J. Barlow

Sir, Yon report (front page, November 20) that "a radical plan to allow the break-up of large local authorities into smaller, self-suf-ficient councils is being considered by Government ministers". Would it be too much to ask if this Government consideration could extend north of the border?

Most of your readers probably do not know that one local authority — Strathclyde Regional Council — administers education, roads, social work and the police and fire services for half the population of Scotland. Three village communities in Argyll — Minard, Ardentinny and Newton in Islay — are at present fighting proposals by Strathclyde council

to close their primary schools. What chance do we have of a fair hearing when our county, which has a coastline longer than that of France and whose remotest part is as far from Glasgow as the heart of Somerset is from London, has one (that's right, one) repre-sentative on Strathchyde region's schools subcommittee? Yours etc

P.J. BARLOW, Annandale, Minard, Inveraray, Argyll. November 21.

From Mr R. T. Rivington Sir, The Government is considering the introduction of plans for dividing large boroughs like Brent for the purpose of better serving the interests of smaller groups within it. Another borough deserving the same consideration is Oxford, and the Government should invite the Boundary Commission to investigate its separation into two boroughs of Oxford and Cowley, for environ-

mental reasons. The old city and west Oxford soffer, constant environmental threat from a Cowley-dominated borough council. On environmental issues, such as the current plan to legalise a serious encroachment on Port Meadow, their Labour councillors steadily op-pose the Cowley Labour majority.

The two towns have different origins at different times and serve different purposes. The contiguity is fortuitous and malign.

Overheads in maintaining two municipal administrations would be too expensive to justify; but it is now time to enquire whether two separate municipal bodies could share the expenses of administrative organization, making separate decisions for it to execute.

· As a form of local government, this idea may be a fresh one; but the weaknesses of local government are egregious and should be

Yours faithfully, R. T. RIVINGTON, 5 Carlton Road, November 21.

Research decline

From Dr Denis F. Owen

Sir, Recent discussions about the decline of "British" science are misleading, Today there are many more research institutes and universities scattered throughout the world than there were thirty years ago. Scientists often move between them and are thus able to work in each other's countries.

Many of the papers and books I have published have been written from universities abroad and bear their addresses and so, using the method of scoring suggested by the Editor of the British Veteinary Journal (November 7), they would presumably be counted as "non-British" contributions. Yet I have not

changed my nationality. Science is international and the published results of research are freely available to all, no matter their nationality. Indeed, the na-tionality of the contributor is not important. What is important is that the work is done and is published for all to read.

I suggest there is no such thing as "British" science and that scoring "UK publications" is a misleading and worthless activity. Yours sincerely, DENIS F. OWEN, 2 Shelford Place, Headington, Oxford.

Health or wealth?

From Dr James Lindesay Sir, The Government is now planning to spend £20 million on educating us about the dangers of Aids. The recent campaign to advertise the British Gas share issue has cost £30 million. It would appear that our masters are more interested in Sid's money than in his life. JAMES LINDÉSAY,

11/13 Broad Court, Bow Street, WC2. November 21.

Future of N Ireland

From Father J. Buckley Sir, Mr A. T. Q. Stewart (feature, November 15) declared, "In this part of the United Kingdom democracy has ceased to operate". The historical reality is that democracy has never fully operated in that corner of Ireland.

The plantations of 1609, which drove the natives from the best land and replaced them with settlers, put paid to the possibility of democracy. The centuries that followed saw the minorities discriminated against time and again. The bar of history testifies

From Mr Anthony Richmond from its responsibilities for a cemetery in Peshawar. I suggest there is a far deeper question to be asked. Is it morally right for British churches to have walked away from their responsibilities

today?

Yours sincere

November 19.

towards a people to whom we are indebted historically and a sister church to which we are indebted

ANTHONY RICHMOND.

78 Spring Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mr T. C. Wilkinson

Sir, Mr D. M. Waller's cry of

concern at the condition of the

Peshawar cemetery highlights a serious situation. It is not, how-

ever, a new state of affairs and, alas, it is repeated throughout the

The British Association for

Cemeteries in South Asia (Bacsa),

the charity to which Mr Wallet

refers, came into existence ten years ago as a result of mounting

concern from those who visited

the sub-continent about the mili-

tary and civil cemeteries there

excluding those of the two world wars under the Commonwealth

A policy was adopted of seeking to involve all the interested parties

- the Church, the State, the Archaeological Survey Depart-ment, the Services, the business

houses - in South Asia and the-UK. We have been very fortunate

in receiving their active co-opera-

Once a local group has been

established, Bacsa provides a bridge for advice and such funds

as we can raise for selected capital

projects (e.g., repair of walls, gatehouse, restoration of tombs

etc), with the long-term aim that

the local group should accept responsibility for regular mainte-

This takes time but projects

have been successfully pursued at

such places as Calcutta, Delhi,

Kanpur, Tanjore, Bannn, Dhaka, Rangoon; and each year we extend

the list. Peshawar is now near the top of our list. We have been

attempting to build up a group of

(Honorary Secretary, British Association for Cemeteries

I work in further education and

I am aware that I cannot any longer speak freely to my col-

leagues about racial subjects lest

my comments be misconstrued. 1

passionately believe that it is only by speaking freely and honestly about problems that we can make

The guidelines of University

College, Cardiff (an institution which should by its very nature be

encouraging informed debate, whatever the views) reinforce that

trend towards intolerance, and hence towards the suppression of

free speech on any "hot" subject.

YOURS, MAUREEN JOHNSON,

The law's delays

Sir, The Financial Services Act

1986 received Royal Assent on

November 7. Section 195 (short-

dated debentures) came into force

immediately, and sections 177, 178, 180, 182, and most of 198-210 (investigations into insider dealing) were brought into force

on November 15. Yet the text of

the Act is not yet available, and

HM Stationery Office is out of

stock of the only edition of the Bill

which even approximates to the

Ignorance of the law is, of

course, no excuse. What about unavailability of the law?

Yours faithfully

November 24.

LEO PILKINGTON,

37c Albert Square, SW8.

From Mr Adrian Room

More distant past

Sir, I am afraid it is not true to say (feature, November 20) that Sir

Stamford Raffles gave Singapore

The designation of Sinha Pura

("lion city") is on record as having

been that of the Malay capital here

in the fourteenth century, and Raffles, who spoke Malay, simply

adapted the name to its present

conventional spelling.

He did personally raise the

British flag there on January 29 that year, however, on the site of the old fortifications. Doubtless

patrons of the Raffles Hotel mark this event with an annual Singa-

its name when he landed there in

From Mr Leo Pilkington

54 Kings Road,

West Yorkshire.

November 20.

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in South Asia), 76½ Chartfield Avenne, SW15.

local helpers there.

THEON WILKINSON

Yours faithfully

November 18.

War Graves Commission.

Sir, 1 agree with Mr Waller (November 17) that the state of the cemetery in Peshawar is to be regretted, but even more to be regretted is the fact that Christians in this country do so little to help the Church in Peshawar pay its clerey maintain its buildings and clergy, maintain its buildings and institutions or extend its training and work

Given these problems, and not-ing also the sometimes heroic efforts of Peshawar's tiny Christian community to serve in their hospitals and clinics, schools and workshops some of the two million Afghan refugees in their diocese, then to me the matter of the upkeep of the cemetery be-comes a secondary one.

The link between the Church of England and the Church of Pakistan is conducted mainly through the mission societies and is, supposedly, a partnership.

In recent years the Pakistani partners, for their part, have contributed richly to this partnership. For example: their assistance in the liturgical explorations with other churches, notably the Roman Catholics; the progress they have made in dialogue with Islam, which can profitably be studied by those structures with the same those struggling with the same questions in Western cities; the new flowering of a religious tra-dition in music and poetry, pointing new ways to the revival so sorely needed in jaded Western churches; the lesson of their experience as an impoverished and sometimes scorned minority, a predicament increasingly famil-

iar to Christians in this country. As our Western missionary zeal sinks to a whimper of soft options, the Pakistani Church has taken over some of the hard work, sending missionaries to dangerous or depressing places like the Gulf states and inner-city Britain. (The Rev Daniel Singh, who died in June, was an outstanding missionary in London).

The British partners, for our part, seem to have little to offer but money and we are increasingly reluctant to part with it. Between 1970 and 1982 giving to all the overseas churches through mission agencies of the Church of England dropped steadily to a mere 4.3 per cent of perish

Mr Waller asks whether it is morally right for the British Government to have walked away

College free speech

From Mrs Maureen Johnson Sir, I was concerned to read in The Times (report, November 19, earlier editions) that students at University College, Cardiff, have been issued by the students' union and the college authorities with guidelines on how to beckle political speakers.

These guidelines permit heckling and chanting to take place if racist or sexist comments are made from the platform.

It seems that we in this country are being muzzled by fear that any comment we might make will be misinterpreted by people who are anxious to prove that they are on the side of the angels but who have not got the intellectual equipment to argue their point of view in democratic debate.

Patent protection

From Sir Graham Wilkins Sir, Over the last year Government ministers at various venues have stressed the importance of investment in research and development to the wellbeing of the British economy and have berated industry for inadequate allocation of resources in this

direction. It must therefore be a dis-appointment to industry that does invest heavily in research and development to find that inadequate protection is afforded to that investment in this country. This is of concern to many industries, particularly the pharmaceutical one.

Earlier this year the Government gave the pharmaceutical industry an undertaking to revoke the licence of right provision of the 1977 Patent Act. This provision is unique to the UK and unfairly undermines the already scant protection given to patents

It had been hoped that provision for this promised action would be incorporated in an intellectual property Bill. Unfortu-nately no such Bill was envisaged in the Queen's Speech and I do hope that the Government has identified some other vehicle for this overdue legislation.

Not only is research and development in medicine important for the wellbeing of the British economy; it is essential for the wellbeing of the nation's health, more so now than ever. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM WILKINS.

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Sean Lemass in an effort at

agreement. And Mr Stewart has

the audacity to say, Give us back

He depicts Mrs Thatcher as a

our democracy.

My own lifetime has seen accompanied by Dr FitzGerald, various leaders rejected because they tried to introduce reform. Mr trampling on the democratic rights of people. Even I, an Irishman, would have to admit Terence O'Neill was doomed

pore Sling or two.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ROOM,

173 Causeway, Petersfield, Hampshire.

in opposing terror and violence and in defending the rights of individuals. Whatever else, one reconciliation. Sunningdale, which proposed "power sharing", a necessity for any true democ-racy, was bullied out of existence. cannot take that from her. In his sidestepping and distort-Mr Prior's "assembly" never got off the ground. Now the assault is on the Anglo-Irish Hillsborough

ing. Mr Stewart does a disservice to the truthful and objective study of history. Sincerel

that she is genuine and consistent

JOHN BUCKLEY, Spanish Place Rectory, 22 George Street, W1. tyrant striding across history, November 18.

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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 26 1952

The first-night notice of The

The first-night notice of The Moosetzsp was a reasoned, pleasant piece in harmony with Fleet Street's general reaction; superlatives were rare in the reception given to what is billed as the world's longest running play. Since it opened 214 actors have taken parts in the eight-strong cast, and there have been 88 leading ladies. The cast is now changed annually, the last change taking place at the beginning of this week. This evening's performance will be the 14,151st.

CAST LIST [taken from Who's Who in the Theatre]

Molie Ralston Sheila Sim Giles Ralston John Paul Christopher Wren Allan McClelland Mrs Boyle Mignon O'Doherty Major Metcalf Aubrey Deaer Miss Casewell Jessica Spencer Mr Paravicini ... Martin Mille Det.-Sgt. Trotter .__ Richard

Producer: Peter Cotes

AMBASSADORS THEATRE

"THE MOUSETRAP"

By AGATHA CHRISTIE A woman has been strangled in Paddington and at Monkswell Manor, which is normally within easy reach of London, the spectral esence of Hercule Poirot seem to supervise the examination of half a dozen snowbound paying guests by a very young policeman who arrives on skis. It is all for their own good — and that, too, is in the Poirot tradition — since one other person, or perhaps two other people, will probably meet the

nt end. The Poirot tradition is, in fact part of Mrs Christie's elaborately skilful scheme to keep us guessi or even to make us wave the matter aside as already guessed. As usual, we swallow the bait. No sooner have we made the mental note that Poirot might advantageously be substituted for the detective on skis, have half a cubit or so added to his height, and let himself be impersonated by, say, Mr Austin Trevor, than the author shows excellent reason why her detective should be instead within M Richard Attenborough's range. No sooner have we, following the precepts of our old friend Poirot, eered back into the past - for this is what is known, rather grandly, as a revenge tragedy — and found in the present a mitable couple for the child victims of long ago, than the ingenious pattern shifts, and we are back where we started.

So much, it may be supposed the printed tale could also do. Ye the piece admirably fulfils the special requirements of the theatre. There are only two acts, the first of exposition and preparation, the second of action and conjecture The people are nicely assorted, and each is individually labelled and readily identified - the manly young woman, the effeminate young man, the dubious military man, the maiden lady who perpetually fancies she is being imposed on, the elderly foreigner with the painted face whom Mr Martin Miller makes half devil, half jackin-the-box, and, of course, the young couple who own and run the place. These provide the colour, the mystification, the suspects, and the screams, and Miss Jessica Spencer, Mr Allan McClelland, Mr Autrey Dexter, and Miss Mignon O'Doherty, as the first of the characters mentioned above, and Miss Sheila Sim and Mr John Paul, as the last two, all fit the play as smugly as pieces in a jigsav puzzie. There remain the alarmin lences, which are perhaps the true test of such a piece on the stage. That we feel them to be alarming can only be thanks to the producer, Mr Peter Cotes.

Racing handicaps

From Mr G. N. D. Locock Sir, I really do not see the point in sending racehorses to stud as soon as they have won a group race — an act which invariably puts three or four noughts on their value.

John Hislop (November 11) is

quite right in arguing that in top-class races, the winning of which determines breeding prospects, abnormal nutrients should not be permitted. The usual purpose of these is to overcome some inherent defect.

But John Hislop did not go far enough in arguing a case for breeding from the best and toughest animals.

I suggest that the rules governing all three-year-old group one races should be changed so that winners of all such races are kept in training as four-year-olds, unless a veterinary certificate is produced to say they are unsound.

The racegoing public would get the benefit of seeing good horses more often and breeders would have greater scope for thoroughly assessing the relative merits of horses before they are sent to stud. Yours faithfully, G. N. D. LOCOCK,

Whitsbury, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Cold comfort?

Irelands Lane

10 5.30 Settlem Fri

Lewes, East Sussex

From the Reverend Andrew Beer Sir, A parson in a hacking jacket! In the words of Lady Bracknell, "the idea is grotesque and irreligious".

Anyway, it's surely only because lots of people spend lots of money on lots of clothes that the Reverend Edward Underhill (November 22) is able to display himself in his Oxfam finery, to the envy of all in Type and Wear. Yours faithfully, ANDREW BEER St Pancras,

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 25: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning. The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience with Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply. Her Majesty held a Council at

12.40 pm.
There were present the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Right Hon Nicholas Edwards, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Right Hon John Stanley, MP (Minister of State for the Armed Forces) and the Right Hon John Selwyn Gittn-mer, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food).

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.
The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience with The Queen befure the Council.

Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP (Vice-Chamberlain uf the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Oueen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man of the Lord's Taverners, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented the 1986 County Championship Trophy to Essex County Cricket

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended Recepoons at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President, this afternoon attended the British Common-wealth Ex-Services League Council Meeting at Buckingham

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this evening gave a Reception for the Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, attended a fundraising dinner at Claridges, where His Royal Highness was Federatioo (the Duke of

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, was entertained at luncheon and afterwards attended a meeting of the
Associatioo at 1, Wandsworth
Plain, London, SW18.
Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the
Associatioo (Mr Cbarles

Palmer).
The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Ball, organized by St Loye's College for the Disabled, at the Hurlingham Club, Loudon,

ceived by the President of the Londoo Friends of St Loye's Society (the Viscouot. The Hoo Mrs Legge-Bourke

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the Small Animal Referral Hospital at the Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead, North Mymms, Hertfordshire. Mrs Patrick Campbell-Pres-ton and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Pres-ton has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 25: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Lung Foundation, this evening at-tended a Gala Concert in aid of the Foundation at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, London, EC3. Mrs Max Pike the Lieutenant-

Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

November 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snow-don, President, The Royal Baldon, President, The Royal Bal-let, was represented by Sir Frederick Ashton 2t the Service of Thanksgiving for Sir Robert Helpmann which was held in St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden,

KENSINGTON PALACE November 25: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, The Grange, today received Lady Cubitt on relinquishing her appointment as Chairman.
In the afternoon Her Royal
Highness, Patron, East African
Women's League (United Kingdom), was present at the General Meeting at Huly Trinity Church House. Bromptoo Road, London, SW7.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in The Duke of Gioucester this afternoon opened the Curver Consumer Products Ltd factory at Corby. In the evening His Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief. Royal Piooeer Corps, was present at the Corps Central

Mess Dinner Night at Simpsoo Barracks, Northampton. The Duke of Gloucester, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the World Travel Market 1986 at Olympia Exhibition Centre, London,

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 25: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened the Interphex 86 Exhibition at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, East Sussex and later visited Singer Liok-Miles, Lancing, West

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by

The Duke of Kent, President

centennial Committee, this evening attended a Reception at the Mansion House. Later, His Royal Highness, as Patron, attended a concert given by the Loudon Philharmooic Or-

estra at the Royal Festival Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volun-teers, today received Lieutenant Colonel John Downham on assuming command of the 3rd Battalioo and Lieutenant Colo-nel Simon Hill on relinquishing the appointment.

Princess Anne, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, will attend the Cooper dinner at Claridge's hotel on December 1.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the 1986 Smithfield Show at Earls Court on December 2. Princess Anne will open the new HTV West studio and office facilities at the Television Centre, Bath Road, Bristol, on

Princess Anne, President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Mulberry Company (Design) Limited, The Street, Chilcompton, Somerset, on December 2

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the second meeting of the Council of British Food and Farming Year at Buckingham Palace oo December 2. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron for the Outward Bound Trust, Buckingham Palace on Decem-ber 2 for the donors to the fortieth anniversary appeal of

The Prince of Wales will present the 1986 Willis Faber Manufacturing Effectiveness Awards at the Hilton hotel on December 2 The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Cambridge Common-wealth Trust, will be the host at a reception for the trust at Kensington Palace on Decem-

the trust.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the Royal Yachting Association at Claridge's hotel on December 2. The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme General Council in Bourne-mouth on December 3.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Gordon Richards will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, oo Tuesday, December 16, at ooon.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir John Acland, 58; Mr Cyril Cusack, 76; Mr Geoffrey Drain, 68; Sir Sidney Eburne, 68; Lord Forte, 78; the Earl of Gowrie, 47; Mr John Selwyn Gummer, MP, 47; Mr R. W. Hamilton, 81; Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, 68; Vice-Admiral Sir James Kennon, 61; Lord McFadzean of Kelvinside, 71; Mr John Moore, MP, 49; Colonel K. H. Osborne, 72; Mr Charles Schultz, 64; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 63; Miss Tina Turner, 48; Mr

Royal Horticultural Society

Ornamental shrubs and orchids dominate show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's flower show epened vesterday in Westmin A competition for ornamental trees and shrubs is being held with this show, and

the Rosse cup for confers shown for foliage effect was awarded to Anne, Countess of Rosse and the National Trust, of Nymans Gardens, Hand-Cross, West Sussex. The exhibit consists of Sciadopitys verticillata, Pinus wallichiana and Keteleecia

Mrs A. H. Petter, of Wentworth, Surrey, is also a leading prizewinner and is showing the gold foliage of parrotia, green seed pods of halesia and gold

In the Orchid Society of Great Britain's

the trophy winners are: G variegated-foliage shrub, and Dilullo, of London, the W. B. Cornes Norman Hadden', Schroder challenge cap for a collection of orchids; M. Potter, of Hendon, Middlesex, the Jeal challenge trophy for Cat-tieva labiata; R. W. Rayne, of Wraysbury, Buckingham-shire, the Coach Party chailenge trophy for a pink ascocentrum; Mrs J. Kellecher, of Orpington, Kent, the David Sander challenge CHP for species and the Rittershausen challenge cup for miniature species; T.

Charlesworth challenge cup The following plants have received the award of merit: Cotoneaster gamblei, red-Horticulture berried shrub, Prunus London, is o laurocersus Marbled White, 2m to 5

Lewis, of London, the

Cornus Norman Hadden', small tree with strawberry like fruits, all shown by the Hillier Arboretsm, Ampfield, Hampshire, Heliamphora autous, carniverous plant from Guyana, shown by the Oxford Botanic Garden; Iris planifolia, blue flowers, for alpine bouse, and Photinia (Stransaesia) davidiana var undulata Fructu Luteo', yellow-berried shrub, both shown by the director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Chrysan-themam Rystar, yellow spray variety, raised and shown by F Rowe, of Wellington, Somer-

The show, at the New Horticultural Hall, central London, is open today from 10

The engagement is announced between Martin Robert, son of

between Martin Robert, son of Mr and Mrs John Morris-Eyton, of Beckside, Whicham, Millom, Cumbria, and Rowena, youn-sest daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Gordon-Doff-Pennington, of Muncaster Cas-tle Payenglass Cumbria.

The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr HJ. Prowse and of Mrs P.M.

Prowse, of Barbican, London, and Claudia, younger daughter of Captain J.R. Shand, OBE, RN, and Mrs Shand, of East-

Mr A.L. Bailey and Miss M.A. Ambaye The marriage took place on October 9, 1986, at the Rich-mond Register Office, between Mr Alexander Graham Bailey,

soo of Mr and Mrs David

Malcolm Bailey, and Miss Mir-iam Atsede Ambaye, daughter

tle, Ravenglass, Cumbria.

and Dr C.R. Shand

Marriage

Forthcoming marriages Mr M.R. Morris Eyton and Miss R. Gordon-Duff-Mr H.N. Hamilton Fairley

Mr H.N. Hammon Faurey
and Miss A.C. Kyle
The engagement is announced
between Hans, son of Dr and
Mrs I. Hamilton Fairley, Reading, Berkshire, and Alison,
daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Kyle,
Valuated Classes

Kelvinside, Glasgow.
Mr D.C. Hartgill, RA,
and Miss J. Hoyland
The engagement is announced
between David Clavering, eldest
son of Mr and Mrs John C.
Hartgill, of Chalfont House,
Shalden, Alton, Hampshire, and
Joanne, eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Graham Hoyland, of
Oak Bank, Penistone Yorkshire.

Mr C. P. Miller.

and Miss S.R. Graenehaum and Miss S.K. Graeneasum
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, only son
of the late Mr A.H. Millar and
Mrs M.C. Millar, of Carshalton,

Surrey, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr T. Gruenebaum, of New

York, and Mrs I. Gruenebaum, of London and New York. Mr A.P. Murray and Miss P.J. Jarvis

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Mr. Patrick Murray and of Mrs Patrick Morray, of

Felpham, Sussex, and Iane, daughter of Mr Ryan Iarvis and the late Mrs Jean Jarvis, uf

Phantom House, Newmarket,

Mr C.P. Miller

Mr M.E. Brown
and Miss S.F. Nicholls
The engagement is announced
between Michael Ross Brown,
of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey,
and Susan Frances Nicholls, of South Woodford, Essex.

Mr J. Cox and Miss K. Royds
The engagement is announced between Jeremy (Will) son of Squadroo Leader William Cox, RAF, retd, of Stoke-Mandeville,

and Mrs Patricia Cox, of Ayles-bury, and Karen, daughter of the late Bryan Royds and Mrs Elizabeth Royds, of Thurs-tonland, Huddersbeld. and Miss S. Prince
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Dent, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Su-

san, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs F. Braithwaite, of Leeds. West Yorkshire. Mr A.C. Goddard and Miss L.H. Power

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Major-General and Mrs John Goddard, of Cranford, Pinewood Hill, Fleer, and Isabel, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Power, of Mystole, near Canterbury.

Memorial service Sir Robert Helpmann

Princess Margaret was represented by Sir Frederick Ashton, OM, CH, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robert Helpmann held yesterday at St. Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon David Elliott officiated. Sir John Tooley, General Director of the Royal Opern House, Covent Garden, read the lesson and a tribute from Dame Ninette de Valois, CH. Miss Margaret Rawlings read from Adonals by Percy Bysshe Shelley and Mr Paul Scofield read from The Tempest by William Shake-speare. Dame Margot de Fouteyn de Arias gave an address. Mr Anthony Twiner, piano, played a selection of music from ballets associated with Sir Rob-

Yvoone Kenny, who sang Bailero, Mr Ralph Elston, organ, and Mr James Watson, and Mr James Wat and accompanied Miss trumpet, played Tchaikovsky's The Sleeping Beauty. The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia and the Agent-General for South Australia attended.

for South Australia attended.
Others present included:
Miss Shells Helpmann tebes in Particle
Countees John State Helpmann tebes in Lety
Lady Machellian, Sir lan Hunter, Miss
Swellan Bertannya. Man Beryl Gray,
Ber Wayne Stem, Ber Michael Somes,
Mr Charles Cordon and Miss Parcein
May, Miss Jone Brae, Mr Devid Wall,
Mr Anthony Dowell. Mr Misconn
Williamson (Master of the Queen's
Music), Mr Peter Land and Miss
Gallan Lyone, Miss Austinetic Shley,
Miss Moyra Freser, Mr Donald
MacLasry, Mrs Peus Scoffed, Mrs
Andrew Cruticistenic. Mr John
Turner and Miss Barkers Jefford, Mr
Michael Powell, Mr John Field, Mr
and Mrs Joneshan Berthall, Dr and
Mrs Joneshan Berthall, Dr and
William Chappell, Mr Murray Melvin,
Miss Gwen Nelson, Mr Leite Edwards, Mrs Jane Siecots, Mr Peter
Wright Gaetter's Wells Royal Balled

f Mr and Mrs John Ambaye.

Calls to the Bar in Michaelmas term







Cream tip No. 49 Dip into something pure and simple.

Honey Cream Dip

Here's an unusual and attractive sweet that literally takes minutes to make.

Mix together 150ml (¼ pint) fresh Double Cream and 2 tablespoons of clear honey. Whip until mixture starts to thicken.

Add 150ml (1/4 pint) plain yogurt. Continue to

whip until thick. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts. (Serves 4.) Honey dip makes an ideal dip for fresh fruit. Or it can be served in individual dishes with a crisp

Either way, it's a simply

delicious way to end a meal. Get <u>fresh</u> with the cream.





GRAY'S INN



born at Timaru, in the South Island of New Zealand, on November 5, 1905. After leav-ing the Timaru Boys' High School, he worked on his father's farm before taking a degree course in journalism at Christchurch.

After working for a time on local newspapers, in 1938 he migrated to Britain in 1938 in

of war he joined the staff of the George Newnes magazine Smallholder, of which he soon became assistant editor, holding the post until the magazine was taken over by IPC in 1967.

terest was rugby, and during the 1950s he did some writing on the subject for The Times. He also published, in 1954, The Fourth All Blacks, a book describing the fourth tour of

Mr Dick Heppel, CMG, ambassador to Cambodia from 1954 to 1956, died on November 17. He was 73.
Richard Purdoo Heppel
was born on October 27, 1913,
and educated at Rugby and
Balliol College, Oxford. He
joined the diplomatic service in 1936, and three years later was third secretary at the Embassy in Rome. In 1942 he was posted to

two years before going to

OBITUARY

who had a fine war record in

the Royal Armoured Corps,

road accident on November

Patrick Robert Chamier

Hobert was born in India on

November 14, 1917. His un-

cle, Major-General Sir Percy

Hobart, was the pioneer of tank tactics, design and tech-

niques, whose revolutionary

opinions led him to be retired

from the Army early in the war, only to be summoned back by Churchill to com-

mand a a specialized

armoured division in prepara-

Charterhouse and the Royal

Military Academy, Woolwich, and was commissioned in the

Royal Tank Corps in 1937. In

December 1940 he got com-

mand of a tank squadron in the 2nd Battakon RTR, one of

the regiments rushed out from

England in fast merchant ships to reinforce Wavell in the Western Desert.

With the 2nd RTR he took

part in the battle of Sidi

Barrani and the pursuit to

Beda Fomm, which led to the

complete destruction of Mar-

shal Graziani's army. In an attack on a fort at Sidi Omar,

he is remembered firing away

at the Italian defenders with a

pistol from his turret, as the

British armour broke into the

Suitably, the imaginative tactics that enabled this vic-

tory to be so complete were the brainchild of his uncle,

from his period training armoured forces in Egypt

Patrick Hobart stayed in

tanks in North Africa through-

out the campaign. He became adjutant of his regiment and

then brigade major of the 9th Armoured Brigade. He also

before the war.

tion for D-Day.

22. He was 69.

MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK HOBART

Dashing tank commander

Major-General Patrick Hoserved on the staff of the 7th bart, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, Armouned Division. He won his MC at the Battle of tanks and rose to be director of Alamein

In the early stages of the died with his wife, Susie, in a Normandy carepagn he was Guards Armoured Divis and was appointed OBE for

this work. But in September 1944 he was given command of the Ist Royal Tank Regiment which he led with great dash and skill from the Falaise breakout, in the race for the Somme, and across the Rhine into the heart of Germany, gaining a DSO in 1945. His war service also earned him four mentions in descetches.

Among his post-war ap-pointments were command of the 2nd RTR with the British Army of the Rhine, and in North Africa, and he returned to BAOR as commander of 20th Armoured Brigade (1961-63), and as chief of staff 1st British Corps (1964-66). He was ADC to the Queen from 1961 to 1966.

He was subsequently direc-tor of military operations, MoD (1966-68), chief of staff Army Strategic Command (1968-70) and finally director of the Royal Announce Corps (1970-72). On retirement he become

lieutenant-governor of the Royal Hospital, Cheisea, like his uncle before him. He was colonel commandant, the Royal Tank Regiment, from 1968 to 1978.

Hobart was a tank man first and last, and he preferred regimental command to the legendary languors of the staff. Not a fire-eater, he was nevertheless a soldier of great verve and spirit. As a leader he had a knack of developing a rapport with those around him, and was well-liked by his men. He leaves in som and four daughters.

SIR FREDERICK HOARE

Sir Frederick Hoare, Bt., catastrophe took place, and who was Lord Mayor of the traditional Lord Mayor's appeal was devoted to the and managing partner of C. Hoare & Co. since 1947, died known to this day as the Lady on November 24. He was 73. Frederick (Derick) Alfred Hoare was born on February 11, 1913. On his father's side he was a member of the banking family. His mother was an actress.

After Wellington he entered the bank in 1931 as a clerk, on the understanding that he would have no expectation of becoming a partner. But by his own efforts he worked his way upwards, becoming an agent in 1936 and a managing partner in 1947.

In that year he also became a common councilman of the te of London and serving as alderman and sher-iff became Lord Mayor in 1961-62, the third member of his family to hold the office. During his year he travelled widely, including visits to the United States and Ireland, and he was active in promoting the City of London's Festival for

the Arts. His speeches as Lord Mayor reflected concern for the unknown to this day as the Lady Hoare Thalidomide Trust. After leaving the Mansion House he actively supported a variety of charitable causes, to which his financial acumen

was an asset. They recluded the Anglers' Co-operative Association, Toc H, Bridewell Hospital and the Goldsmiths' Family Welfare Association. Hoare was an unusual figure

for a successful City banker and Lord Mayor. Though shy and retiring, he forced himself to undergo the mayoral duties with never a free minute. Hating speeches and flummery, he never spared himself in performing the required

He married, in 1939, Mary Wheeler, who shared fully in his public charitable work. After her early death in 1973 he married, in 1974, Oonah Dew, who died six years later. His third marriage - to Sarah Bamber in 1984 - ended in divorce earlier this year. He derprivileged. During his leaves two da mayoralty the Thalidomide first marriage. leaves two daughters of the

MR JOHN HAYHURST

Mr John Hayhurst, agricul-tural and sporting journalist, who was also a strong internationalist, died on November

24. He was 81.
John Cedric Hayburst was

search of wider opportunities. On arrival, he did a post-graduate course in agriculture at Wye College, Kent. Shortly before the outbreak

His passionate sporting in-

Gardening.

Madrid (1951).

He was a counsellor in Saigon in 1953 before becom-

He loved playing chess, birdwatching, stamps and above

Britain by the famous New

Zealand side. But it is for his agricultural journalism that he will be best remembered, and above all for his services to internationalism within the profession. He helped to found the international Federation of Agricultural Journalists in 1954, and served as its president in 1960.

Later, as a tribute to his tireless efforts on its behalf, he was made its president of hocour. He had also served as secretary, chairman and president of the British Guild of Agricultural Journalists. After leaving

Smallholder he wrote widely for the British and foreign press as a freelance, and after his retirement in 1973 still wrote a horticultural column for Living Magazine under the name of Howard Greene. His books (apart from the one already mentioned) were Smallholder Encyclopaedia

and the series Successful He married, in 1934, Ellen Grigg. She survives him, with one of their daughters (the other predeceased him).

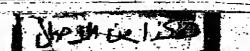
MR R. P. HEPPEL

a period as minister in Vienna (1956-59), returning to Britain as head of the South-East Asia Department at the Foreign Office.

in 1963, after two years as head of the Consular Department, he was posted to Statt-gart as consul general, where he remained until his retire-ment in 1969.

Heppel was a modest, schol-Tehran where he remained for ariy and religious man who never sought the honours of Athens as first secretary. He returned to London in 1946 as private secretary to the Minister of State, resuming foreign service in 1948 at Karachi and Madrid (1951). and was active in church

He married, in 1949, Ruth Theodora Matthews, who suring ambassador to Cambodia vives him with their two some at the age of 40. He then spent and daughter.



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Service Service RIRTHS Tom. SLESS - On 20th November, to Chris-tine (nie Pearson) and Christopher, a daughter, Philippa Helen Anne. daughter. Catherine.
CHAPPLE: On November 21st, to Jean and Syrl. a second son. Nicholas Macthew Femon. Thanks to all staff at Northwick Park.
CORROLD: On November 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Annette, wrife of Nicholas Cobbold, a daughter.

daughter.
CHRIME - On November 12th 1985, to Francesc (new Kny) and Mark, a daughter. Susminab Julia.
DASHWOOD - On November 20th, at The Porthand Hospital, to Georgina (new Horris) and Robert. a son, Churies Edward Thomas, a brother for James.

GURICKER SALL - On November 21st, at University College Hospital, by Alleann and Richard. a daughter.

Madida. a sister for Miranda.

Madida. a sister for Miranda. 7.15th 1986, at St

Camerine and Martin. a daughter.
Eleanor.

BIDE: On November 18th, to Caroline
(née Trevéisan-Pado) and Robert. a
daughter. Charlotte Elizabeth.

Russett. On November 22nd, at
Pembury to Veronica (née
Hammerton) and David, a daughter.
Emily Katharine. a sister for
Edward.

Edward.

LEECH - On November 24th 1986, at the John Radcliffe Hounital Outford, to Didd (néé Ashdown) and Christopher, a debphier, Emma Victoria.

BOLLWARD - On November 24th, at Bristol, to Diane tote Perry) and Charles a daughter.

BUITTER: On November 2nd 1986, to Faye Messervy and Nick Rufter, a daughter, Catherine.

\$Alletters - On November 19th, at Eastbourne District Houning, to Judy the Jackson) and Tim. a daughter: Emily Rebecta Antoinette.

SAUTE: On November 22dd, to Peggy

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PROJECT: RECLIS The marriage book place quietty in Childford on 20th November 1986 between Mr Mark. Campbell Highes, on of the lake Mr Graeme I.C. Highet and Mrs Joan Highet, and Jame Elizabeth Inglis. daughter of Mrs Knile Street, and stepdaughter of Mrs Robin Street.

BALL. On November 22nd 1986, Ivy Muriel, widow of Chiford Evans Ball, a demity loved mother and grandmother, Cremation Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham on Fri-day 28th November 1986 at 11 atm. CAMMON On November 1986 at 11 atm. day 28th November 1986 at 11 am. CAMION - On November 24th; peace-ruly, Richard N.Camon, beloved husband of Lelie and father of Victoria and Julia, Funeral at St.Peters Church. Offham, Nr Leves, 12m., Friday November 28th, CHAPMAN On November 28th, CHAPMAN On November 26th, peacefully at home, A.R. 180y). Beloved husband of Babs and dear father of John. David sind Pied. Much loved fether-in-law of Betty and Filche and grandfather of Mark, Adam, Guy, Justin and Alan, Cremation at Colders Green, of South's November 30th, at 12,00 noon, Family flowers only.

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Gordon, of Southport, son of the late Mr and Mrs G A Middle. Further enutries to Broadments of Southport Lid. Tel: Southport 36634.

BECABE. On November 25ad 1986. suddenly and peacefully. Margaret. aged 77 years, belowed sinter of the late Novah, of Framilingham. (Suifoll). Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium. West Chapel, on Friday. November 28th at 3.30pm.

MEMANUS. On November 25ad 1986. London/Athlone. Dr Michael Patrick McManus of 78 Forndene Road, London. Memanus College Hospital. London. Brother of Eddie McManus of London. Brother of Eddie McManus of Worthing and Dr A McManus of London. Moss 7.30 pm. Thursday November 28th at 10.30 pm. Thursday November 28th at 10.30 pm. Thursday November 28th at 10.30 pm. Thursday November 28th, peacenully at home after a long lliness borne with great dignity and Coulage. Dor Denside Georgina, widow of John M.M. Méder C.B.E. Will be sadly missed by her two soms Nicky and Jeffrey and two grand-daughters Journal and Amanuda. Funeral at Gooders To Kengons. 132 Freston. Road, London W10.

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MURE On November 21st 1985, at the Old Vicarage, Rampton, Cambridgesthre, Mary (Dolly) Brown, Deloved wife of the late D I R Muir. LC.S., O.B.E. and dear mother of Stephen and Shells; much beloved and shells; into the based aradments.

and Shelia, much missed grandmother. Funeral private.

8035614. On November 22nd 1986, at King Edward VII Hospital.

Midmars, Sonla Mary Chayton Russell, J.P. aged 67. Funeral Service at St. Willrid's Charcia. Parklands, Chichester on Thursday November 27th at 1pm, followed by phirate cremation. Family flowers only. Dut donations to Riching for the Disabled (Chichester Branch). c/o The Honorary Treesurer, Millicok Cottage, Westbourne, States, PO10 SUB.

SKEFFMCTON - On November 20th, Shella Cube McKenziel, wife of the late Arthur Skeffington, Foneral at 3,00pm on November 27th at Meopham Parish Church, followed by a cremation at Medway Cremationium at 4,00pm. No flowers please, Donations, if desired to Skeffington Centre, Windmill St. Gravesend, DA12 1LE.

SUGDEN - On 23rd November in Not-ingham, et the unimety age of 36, Jocelyns Jo de Schwaith then Smann), wife of Dr Brian Sugden, mother of Ellen Kinte and Linke, sis-ter of Vyvian and only despiter of Ann and Raymend Stinson, 78, Park Rd Beckentam, Kenl.

TERRY On 21st November, to London after a long filmen, Merie-Claude (née Aulong), aged 36. Requiem Mass et noon. Thursday 27th November at holy Trinky, 41 Brook Green, W6. No flowers piene. Dosations. If destred, to Actional, Hambyn House. Archway, N19. Refs. Burumil Appeal, Family buriel follows at Tuile. Saturday 29th November.

TWENDY - On 20th November, sudden-by at home. Jean, Much loved wife of the late Peter Twiddy and very dear sister, sister-in-law, and, great-ami and Great-great-aunt. Cremation at Parmdon Wood Crematorium. Har-low at 11.30 am. on Friday 8th December. No flowers please.

VENRONG: On November 22nd, peace fully at The Noo, Gt Benlings after an illness bravely borne. Brigadier Ar-thur Noel Venning M.C., aged 91, much beloved husband of Josp. Also

WATERHOUSE - On November 23rd WATERMOUSE - On November 23rd 1966, peacehaly in a Worthing Number Home. Lady Louise Waterthouse, right of the Lady Louise Waterthouse, shed 79 years, widow of Sir Nicholase Edwin Waterhouse K.B.E. lade of Elfingham. Cremition Service on Tuesday 2nd of December at 2.30 pm at the Worthing Crematorhum, Findon. Interment of cremated remains at Holmbury St. ManyChurchward. Surrey on Trumsday 4th December at 11.00 am Sons. Trellie House. Dorking. Telephone Dorking 822266

WIDDOWSDW — On November 23rd, peacefully at home, Eric Victor Bryan, dental surgeon and Freeman of the City of London, aged 77 years, husband of Betty and father of David and Nigel. Family fluored on Friday 28th November. Family flowers only.

WILKING On November 23rd. Bar-tholomew, darling husband, friend and partner of Maryanne, beloved father of Joshus, Sophic and Esther. A Service to be held at Christ Church, Highbury Grove NS, on Fri-day 28th at 2.30 pm. No flowers.

WELLAMS - On November 20th.
peacefully at Nuffield McAlpin Clinic, Glasgow, John Heathcote, at the
age of 66. Much loved husband of
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Archbishop of Canterbury
The Archbishop of Canterbury
and Mrs Runcie gave a dinner
last night at Lambeth Palace in
honour of Dr Emilio Castro,
General Secretary of the World
Council of Churches. The other
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There will be a concert on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 pm in Westminster Abbey, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Richard Dimbleby's first broadcast for the BBC. The concert is being sponsored by BBC Television and Esso UK plc. Tickets are available from the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Pund's office on 01-821 1464.

City University
The Chancellor of the City
University, the Lord Mayor of
London, Sir David Rowe-Ham,
was guest of bonour at a
luncheon in the university on
Tuesday, November 25. He was
contestained by the chairman of convocation, Mr David Moore, officers of convocation, the vice-chancellor, Professor Raoul Franklin, and heads of the academic departments. Management Consultancies

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Mr John Lidstone, Chairman,
and Council members of the
Management Consultancies Association were hosts at a function given for Sir Campbell Adamson at the Stafford Hotel Reception Britain-Australia

Frank Roberts, president of the association, was in the chair. Others present included:

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The Duke of Kent, President of the Britain-Australia Bicenten-nial Committee, and Sir Peter Gatsden, chairman, were hosts at a reception held at the Mansion House last night to

wantston riouse tast mgm to launch the programme of events which will mark the Australian bicentenary in 1988. The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Sheriffs attended

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Somerville College Appeal The Prime Minister, Baroness White and Mrs Shirley Williams White and Mrs Shirley Williams were the speakers at a dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall in support of the Somerville College Appeal and to mark Industry Year. Miss Daphne Park, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, presided.

Anglo-German Association
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Dr Lutz G.
Stavenhagen, Minister of State
at the Auswaertiges Amt, Bonn,
were the guests of honour at the
annual dinner of the AngloGerman Association held last
night at the Cafe Royal. Sir
Frank Roberts, president of the
association, was in the chair.

Foundation for Science and Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, presided at a lecture and dinner

of the Foundation for Science and Technology held in the house of the Royal Society yesterday evening. Dr L. L. Dillamore, Professor K. B. Haley, Professor B. McHitt and Dr T. Vickerstaff were the speakers. Among others present

The Earl of Shannon, Lord Beloif, Lord Chorley, Lord Nathan, Lord Hunter of Newington, Lord Kearlen, Sir las Lloyd, MP, Mr E J Bolton, Mr J N Faticlough, Professor M Hamlin, Mr J R S Morris, Mr L Peach and Dr A M Ridley.

Painter-Stainers' Company Mr Gordon A. Luton, Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Painters' Hall to mark night at Painters' Hall to mark
the anniversary of the granting
of arms to the company in 1486.
Mr Roger de Grey, President of
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Vice-Chairman of the United
and Cecil Club, presided at a
dinner held at the House of
Commons last night. Mr Roy
Watts was the guest of honour
and Mr Roger Sims, MP, also

British Library
Lord Quinton, Chairman of the
British Library Board, and Lady
Quinton gave a dinner at the
Garrick Club on Thursday,
November 20 for Professor T.
A. Birrell on the occasion of the
first 1986 Panizzi Lecture.
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Commercial Accord The annual dinner of the Society.

of Company and Commercial Accountants was held on November 20, at Plaisterers Hall, London Wall. The presi-dent, Mr Keith Morris, and Mrs Moris were the hosts. The principal speakers were Sir Kenneth Berrill, Chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, and Mr William Cash, MP, Secretary to the Conservative Backbench Committee oo Small Businesses. Among

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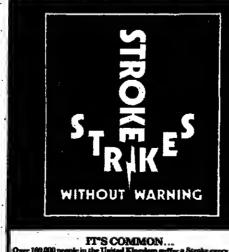
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Sinking India greets 'crusader for peace' inquiry a step nearer

By Richard Evans and Michael McCarthy

The long-demanded inquiry into the loss with all hands of the bulk freighter Derbyshire six years ago became a possibility last night as efforts continued to salvage her sister ship Kowloon Bridge, aground and breaking up off the Irish coast.

The junior Transport Minister, Mr Michael Spicer, said that inspectors investigating the wreck of the Kowloon Bridge would consider "any link with the loss of the Derbyshire" which might be cause for appointing a formal

A Dutch salvage tug tried without success yesterday to shift the 159,000-ton Hong Kong-registered ore carrier. The Government came under intense all-party pres-

sure in the Commons last night to hold an inquiry into the Derbyshire sinking, with Labour and Conservative MPs highlighting the similarities between the two incidents and that of another sister ship, the Tyne Bridge, which suf-fered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982.

The Derhyshire disappeared without trace and with the loss of all 44 people on board in a storm off Japan in 1980. She was one of a series of six identical oil, hulk and ore carriers built by Swan Hunter's Haverton Hill shipyard on Teeside (since closed) between 1971 and 1976.

No explanation has ever been given for her disappearance, but when the Tyne Pridge was damaged in 1982, the other four ships in the series, including the Kowloon Bridge, were found to have cracks and weaknesses at hulkhead 65 and longditudinal girders mis-aligned after the hulkhead.

They were repaired. The other ships in the series are the Ocean Sovereign (formerly the Furness Bridge), the Kona (formerly the Sir John Hunter), the Sir Alexander Glen and the East Bridge

(formerly the Tyne Bridge).
Inquiries by The Times this week disclosed that the Ocean Sovereign is on her way to Taiwan, the Kona is unloading oil in Sarroch, Sardinia, the Sir Alexander Glen is in Singapore undergoing mainte-nance, after taking oil from the Gulf to Korea, and the East Bridge is on her way from Singapore to China,

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of

Edinburgh give an evening reception for members of the

Diplomatic Corps, Buckingham

The Duke of Edinburgh, presents the 1986 Royal Society

of Arts' presidential awards for design management, and at-tends a conference on the

tends a conference on the Management of New Ideas at

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1 As pretty, perhaps, as a pic-

5 Carpenter who produced mechanical work (6).

10 Obstruction in the red chan-nel could result in suicide

tt Constanta's money anteed for holiday (7).

12 God help us, we cry (7). 13 Mercy seat? (8).

15 After end of surgery, organ acquires new ache (5).

18 li tells the time for waiters

20 Secluded setting for the

23 How to lose a point at

25 Pastry, extremely short and coarse, got left (7).

26 Sergeant, say, taking mail round the troops is out of

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17.213

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, arrived in the capital of his closest non-communist ally, India, yesterday to a welcome which was warmer than any within recent memory. He came to sign a new trade agreement and to talk about weapons supply, and in return received wholehearted backing for his stand

at Reykjavik. Several hundred thousand people — one estimate put it as high as half a million — lined the streets of Delhi to watch his 100-car motorcade pass on its way from the airport to the presidential palace where he is staying. They had been driven in by bus and lorry from the country villages of the nearby states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, and the majority knew only that they had come to see "a great

The entire school popula-tion of Delhi had been given the day off, and the great processional routes around the palace were lined with young people wearing their peacock bright uniforms.

In fact they did not see much of him as the darkly glazed windows of his specially-im-ported bullet-proof Russian limousine were kept firmly

Arches of marigolds and jasmine spanned the road decked with banners declaring that Indo-Soviet friendship would last for ever. Two marigold covered model elephants greeted the Russian leader outside the airport, and a presidential guard of honour trumpeted his arrival at the

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, in his welcome speech described the Soviet Union as "a tried and trusted friend in our hours of need," and hailed Mr Gorbachov personally as "a crusader for peace."

Later at a banquet held in the Lutyens-designed former palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Mr Gandhi made no bones about where he stood on Reykjavik. "It was unfortunate," he said, "that "It the Strategic Defence Initia-

tive blocked agreement." Mr Gandhi added: "We resolutely oppose the mili-tarization of outer space. It does not matter that SDI is described as defensive. Security is not enhanced but dangerously jeopardized by creating yet another deadly and extremely sophisticated weapon. The logic of a shield in space is deeply flawed."

Speaking after he and Mr Gorbachov had spent more

than three hours in a tete-a-Parliament, page 4 | tete that one aide described as

Buckingham Palace, 3; and at-tends a meeting of the Trustees

of the Westminster Abbey Trust, Buckingham Palace, 5.30.



Indian children welcoming Mr and Mrs Gorbachov in New Delhi yesterday, In his banquet speech he

While the two leaders were

meeting privately, their aides met in the Indian Cabinet

room to agree a joint state-

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operation, a proposal to bring

omic and technical co-

"a fairly long and marathon session" he also referred to Mr Gorbachov's intitiative towards an Asian and Pacific security pact, but without granting it any more than a general welcome calling his Vladivostok speech "thought-provoking" but emphasizing: "Greater exchange of ideas at all levels is needed to work out a basis for cooperation.

Mr Gorbachov for his part declared that "Soviet-Indian relations and contacts are in need of still greater dynamism," but stressed that their relations "do not seek to counter or challenge genuine and legitimate interests of

India in return for a festival of India in Moscow, and a new

recognized that Mr Gandhi's praise for Soviet initiatives Meanwhile, Mrs Raisa was appreciated, adding: "We know that this is more than Gorbachov was taken to see some Indian art and culture at the Modern Art Museum — where she admired the work of just an expression of courtesy."The Soviet leader referred to development cooperation between the two the Indian woman artist countries declaring: "Today we have continued this work Amrita Shergill, and the drawing of the Bengali polymath abindranath Tagore. At the National Museum and agreed on important

she was shown earlier exam-ples of India's cultural hertage, as surrounded by eager tographers, she deeply serrassed her Indian guide by asking questions about the peration, a proposal to bring sexual imagery of Indian re-Soviet cultural festival to ligious artefacts.

Chelsea bomb link to Action Directe

Continued from page 1 linked attacks at strategic points around the battacks including the main gate and

As it was the unit seems to have panicked. All three bombs were dumped together in two bags near the sergeants' mess and accommodation for WRACs. Before the devices could explode the bags hidden in leaves were spotted by passers by. Yesterday Mr Justice Jones ordered that the two men, Mr

Charles Botting and Mr Har-old Cooper, should each re-ceive £250 for carrying out their duty and saving lives
In one beg police found a
birth certificate, students' cards and a letter with an address Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch watched the address, a flat on a large council estate near Kilburn, and found that the family there had innocently agreed to put up a number of people sometime just before the bombs were

Finger print experts examining a plastic bag in which the bombs had been put had already discovered prints which led them to McLan-

He was at home in Londonderry unaware of his blunder when the RUC arrived to arrest him. As officers rushed in he hid behind a wardrobe. Questioned by police his four year old son loyally said he had no idea where his father was but McLaughlin's youngest son, little more than year old, pointed to the want-

There were more blank n to fellow. In the area round, the address used by the unit, Talbot Walk on the Church End estate, neighbours re-ported seeing a white Ford camper whose presence tallyed with the planting of the bombs and the presence of the INLA unit. Police began scouring North London and found the abandoned vehicle.

Forensic scientists found traces of explosives but there was also incriminating evidence against McLanghlin.
Police found a puzzle magazine which he had used to while away the time, McLanghlin had left his name and address written on the magazine which also carried his: finger prints.

At the start of the trial two weeks ago a second defendant. Mr Peter O'Loughlin, a carpenter from Londonderry, was ordered to be acquitted on conspiracy to cause an explo-

Letter from Peking

Testing the black waters of China

Shanghai citizens hold earned it the title of "China's their breath when crossing Sorrow." bridges over the stinking black waters of the Suzhou River, a noxious example of China's acute river pollution problems.

Pinpointed by some environmental experts as the filthiest stretch of flowing water in the world, the minor tributary is a dump for one million cubic metres of industrial waste a day. In the same week that a

chemicals plant disaster contaminated the Rhine from Switzerland to the North Sea, China said it would step up the fight against water pollution.

Industrial growth left unchecked The country is belatedly

tackling the damage inflicted by decades of unmonitored industrial growth, plus new hazards from the thousands of small factories that have sprung up as a result of mic reforms in the 1980s. The Suzhou River's giznt

neighbour, the Yangtze, will become "totally polluted" by the year 2000 unless steps are taken to control the 16 milhion tonnes of liquid waste which pour into it daily, according to the official Chinese press. Government statistics

show that around 13 per cent of the length of the main streams of the country's main rivers are affected. The prob-lem is often worse in minor

In north-east China, where much of the country's heavy industry is based, the Government has claimed success in curbing the discharge of mercury and other pollutants into the main Songhua River. But the cost of making the

Songhua clean enough for fish was equivalent to some \$55 million (£38.5 million) and scores of factories had to be closed or relocated to meet the goal.
The fast-flowing Yellow River, China's second largest,

suffers less from industrial

pollution than from the high-

est levels of silt in the world. The results of centuries of deforestation and soil erosion. in its upper reaches were worsened by the orders of the former Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung, to clear un-cultivated land for grain production.

The river sweeps away 1.6 billion tonnes of soil a year, and its regular floods have

except the N, will have sunny or clear intervals and scattered showers. N Wales, N

England. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have some sunny intervals and show-

ers. The showers will be heavy at times particularly in the W. More persistent rain may reach W Scotland and Northern Ireland later. Winds will be mainly moderate

or fresh W. Temperatures near normal. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly

A westerly airstream will cover the British Isles but

fronts will approach NW areas. S Wales and England

Despite localized successes claimed for tree-planting and other schemes to halt the destructive process, China has the world's biggest emsion problem, with soil loss "out of control" across 380,000 square miles, the People's Daily said recently, The country's state forests, 70 per cent of all China's

woodland, will disappear by the end of the century unless felling is slowed, the press reported this month.

The State Environmental

Protection Bureau says the quality of water in the Yangtze, Yellow, Songhua and Pearl rivers has actually improved since 1981, and that 22 per cent of industrial waste water is now treated, com-pared with only 15 per cent

five years ago.
But the Government admits the main big pollution threat now is not from beavy industry but the myrind small enterprises it has encouraged to develop in the countryside. Only loosely controlled by the state, and often using outdated technology, they have in some cases wrough

environmental havoc. Nor do central state-run bodies seem inclined to put environmental considerations before bareaucratic convenience and profits. Communist China has no independent watchdog

groups.

Despite a national water pollution prevention law in-troduced in 1984, villagers in the south-eastern province of Fujian had to write to China's Parliament to stop a local factory, run by the Army, from polluting water supplies.

Radioactive waste dumped in well

The pollution killed crops and caused hideous diseases, the New China news agency reported, with out giving details.

In another case publicized this year, 25 tonnes of radioactive waste from a lab oratory was dumped in a village well, and threatened to contaminate reservoirs near Peking

An investigation led to the dismissal of the deputy director of the Environmental Protection Bureau, who had let his brother do the

Andy Roche

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

the Royal Society of Arts, John | Queen Elizabeth the Queen | Adam St. 9.40; later he gives the | Mother attends a reception in Adam St. 9.40; later he gives the aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foun-London Lecture to the Inner dation for the Disabled, St ondon Branches of the British ames's Palace, 6.30.

The Duke of Kent opens the Institute of Management and attends a lunch at Hudson's Bay

new Crown Court Centre, Guildford, 11.30; and later, as Chancellor, visits Surrey Uni-

House, Upper Thames St. 12.20; and then presents the awards for the Young Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species Environmental Awards Competition, The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant, the Women's Royal Army Corps, visits the London District Provost Company RMP, Rochester Row. 10.45.

Princess Alexandra visits the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, to mark the centenary year, 11.45; and opens St Oswald's Hospice, Regent Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2.15; later she visits Centre, Blandford Street, New castle upon Tyne, 3.40. Exhibition in progress

Kumihimo: Japanese silk Ruthininio: Japanese sik braids by Catherine Martin with Rachel Leach and Anne Tom-lin; Waksall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lich-field St. Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (ends Dec 6).

Music Cardiff Festival of Music Concert by the City of London Sinfonia; Concert Hall, Cardiff University, 7.30.
Piano Recital by Robert Colley: Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 7.30.

Organ recital by Dr. Allan Wicks: Brighton College, East-ern Rd, 7.45. Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Sherborne Abbey,

Organ recital by by Thomas Trotter, Birmingham Town Hall, 1. Chacert by the Brodsky String Quartet; West Somerset School, Minchead, 8. Concert by the Bourner

Symphony Orchestra and Chorus; Wessex Hall, Poole, 7.30. Talks, lectures Weather forecasting for radio and television, by Bill Giles; UWIST, Pharmacy Lecture Theatre, Redwood Building,

King Edward VII Ave, Cardill Old porcelain as New, by lugo Morley-Fletcher, Room (Bl., Buckingham University,

Aspects of Portuguese Cul-ture: contemporary fiction in Portugal, by Dr. L.S. Rebelo; John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton, 7.30. The Earth Belongs Unto The Lord: Highland Crofters of the 1880s; Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow, 7.30. A visitor to China, by C.J. Bradish, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, 7.

Parliament today

ens (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on bus detegulation and on the dispute at J.E. Hanger & Co Ltd. Lords (2.30): Debates on the arts and on the state of academic

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of Sicily, by M.I. Finley, D. Mack Smith, C.J.H. Dugger (Chatton & Windus, 214.95)

After The Second Flood, Essays in Modern German Literature, by Michael Hamburger (Cercanet, 216.95)
Maps of the Bible Lands, Images of Terra Sancta through Two Millennia, by Kenneth Nebenzahl (Times Books, 230)
Realism in Alexandrian Poetry, A Literature and its Audience, by G. Zanker (Control Ham. 29.95) plete Alice & The Hunting of the Snark, by Lewis Carroll,

The Complete Alice & The Hunting of the Snark, by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Ralph Steadman (Cape, £15) Traj Mahal, by Raghu Rai (Times Books, £30) The Economist World Atlas of Elections, by Dick Leonard and Richard Natkiel (Economist/Hodder & Stoughton, £46) The Outside Contributor, by Edward Blishen (Hamish Hamilton, £10.95) The People's Anger, Justice and Revenge in Post-Liberation France, by Herbert R. Lottman (Hutchinson, £12.95) The Royal Court Theatre 1966-1972, by Philip Roberts (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £18.95)

The pound



Anniversaries

Births: William Cowper, poet, Great Berkhampstead, Herts, 1731; Geurge Forster, explorer, Nassenhuben, Poland, 1754; John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1837; Sir Aurel Stein, archaeologist, Bud-apest, 1862.

apest, 1862.

Deaths: Nicolans Stene, geologist, Schwerin, Germany, 1686; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface bearing his name, Moffat, Dumfriesshire, 1836; Coventry Patmors, poet, Lymington, Hants, 1896; Sir Leander Jameson, leader of the abortive raid (1895) into the Leander Jameson, leader of the abortive raid (1895) into the Transvaal, London, 1917; Cyril Connolly, critic, London, 1974.

Best wines

In a hlind tasting in which 27 wine retailers submitted wines to accompany a traditional were the top selections when the wines were tried with the food:

Roads

The Midlands: MI: Lane closures near junction 28 (A38 Mansfield). M5: Contraflow cleared from junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich). M54: Lane restrictions between junc-Wales and West: M4: Contra-flow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon / Chippenham). MS: Lane closures on northbound carriageway between junctions 20 and 19 (Cleve-

don/A369 Royal Portbury Dock). A38: Lane closures be-tween Saltash and Carminow Cross, Devon.

The North: M18: Lane closures and contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Rotherham At M) and junctions 6 and 7 (Thome/M62). M61: Lane clo-sures at Blacow Bridge (M6 junction) in both directions. M6: Contraflow between junc-tions 29 (A6 Chorley) and 32 (M55).

Scotland: M90: Two contra-flows between Halbeath and Cocklaw and between Cairney Bridge and Alarly, Central re-gion. A96: One lane only on the Aberdeen to Invertine road in both directions W of Aberdeen airport. Inverness: Resurfacing on Kenneth Street roundabout with lane restrictions.
Information supplied by AA

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 7.30 am.

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dry in the SE, occasional rain and drizzle in the N and W. Mild and windy in the N. Near normal temperatures in the S. **HIGH TIDES**

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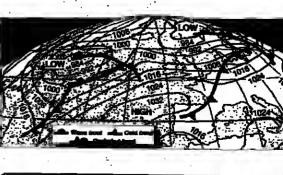
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Cursed, unlike Jim (7).

8 Service with an unruffled air

9 It keeps the sun off the dark-

14 Look, run outside and get

16 Mutant toad, clean from tail

17 Pontiff's previous address

19 Grounds that may be justified by the premises, it's said (7).

21 He painted his bottom sil-

24 Friendly place for printers

Solution to Puzzle No 17,212

Cannabis is a little like it

ver (7).

22 Suffer loss in

small room (6).

room - not baif! (8).

something to eat (8).

Nick's score (5).

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26 1986

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET 1270.4 (-12.2) 1619.3 (-17.2) Bargains 25600 (27792)

USM (Datastream) 129.45 (-0.26) THE POUND

US Dollar 1.4225 (+0.0050) 2.8358 (-0.0247) Trade weighted 67.9 (-0.3)

Thousands rush for Gas forms

N M Rothschild, the mer-chant bank adviser to the Government on the British Gas share sale, said "tens of thousands" of completed forms were received yesterday and 30,000 mini-prospectuses given outat its London headquarters. In Bristol, the National Westminster Bank received more than 15,000 completed priority forms in the first post. On the "grey" market, British Gas traded yesterday atlabout 61p.

National Westminster Bank will offer a selling service for British Gas shareholders at 245 branches in England, Scotland and Wales, selected to reach the majority of the population and not at all its branches as reported in The Times yesterday.

BTR attacks **Pilkington**

Industrial conglomerate BTR last night accused the management of Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, Pilkington, of ten years of sub-standard performance and inconsistent results." BTR, bidding £1.16 billion for Pilkington, said that £1,000 invested in BTR in September 1976 had increased by £34,054 while the same amount invested in Pilkington would have risen by only

Profits up

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Powell Duffryn, the fuel distribution, shipping, en-gineering and construction materials group, yesterday re-ported a 27 per cent increase in pretax profits to £10.04-million for the half year to the end of September 1986. Turn-over fell from £355.86 million to £299.86 million. An interim dividend of 4.75p was

Tempus, page 25

EMAP ahead

EMAP, the newspaper, magazine and exhibition group, said it does not intend launch a hostile bid for Home Counties Newspapers. The group, which made pretax profits of £5.6 million in the half year to October 4, this week increased its stake in Home Counties to 20 per cent. Tempus, page 25

Allied up 21%

Impressive figures at Allied-Lyons yesterday fulfilled City expectations. The brewing division's buoyant results and lower financing charges allowed pretax profits to jump 21 per cent to £148 million for the half year to September 13.

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Mr Bruce

Matthews

to retire

Mr Bruce Matthews, who has been a director of News

International plc since 1972,

and managing director since 1983, will retire at the end of

this year, the company an-

News International chair-

man Mr Rupert Murdoch said

that over the years Bruce

Matthews had been one of the

most outstanding executives

"He has made a huge

contribution to the industry

and, more particularly, to the success of our company's

"I am pleased that he has agreed to stay on the boards of

The News Corporation Ltd

"All Bruce's colleagues wish him well for the future." Mr Murdoch will resume

the position of managing director of News Inter-national, and Mr William

O'Neill becomes managing director of London Post

(Printers) Ltd., in charge of the

company's

and Eric Bemrose Ltd.

nounced last night.

in Fleet Street.

Ward White Group 312p (+10p) Saw Benistord 282p (+11p) Williams Holdings 57p (+27p) Pleasurama 324p (+6p) Cons. Gold. D.J. Alarms Emet

FALLS:

GOLD London Fisiog: AM \$380.75 pm-\$383.75 close \$384.50-385.00 (£259.75-270.25)

NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Jan.): om \$14.25bbi (\$14.90)

Invisibles change reverses deficit

Britain back in the black

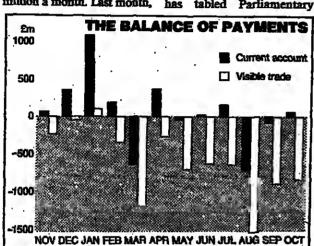
Britain had a trade deficit of the estimate was £600 million £835 million last month, as imports rose to their highest level since March last year. But the current account was in surplus by £65 million because of a big upward revision of the estimated monthly surplus on invisible trade.

The trade deficit of £835 million compared with £885 million in September and £1.51 billion in August. Exports and imports both rose last month, partly because of an increase in the value of trade in cell. trade in oil.

The main feature of the figures, however, was a sharp upward revision in the estimated surplus on invisibles - services, transfers and interest, profit and dividends.

Officials now estimate this surplus to be running at £900

September period has been reduced from £1.23 billion to £634 million as a result of the Changes.
Officials said yesterday that no detailed explanation could be offered for the revision of the estimated invisibles sur-Officials now estimate this plns. Mr Rubin Cuok, surplus to be running at £900 Labour's Trade spokesman, million a month. Last month, has tabled Parliamentary



questions challenging the tim-ing of the revision of the

a month. The monthly invisibles surplus for the July-September period has been increased to £800 million. The Government has been saved by a whisker from a deficit on the balance of payments for the third month account was in surplus by £65 million last month, while on in succession only by pulling out of the hat a bigger surplus on invisibles," Mr Cook said. He added that the underlying the previous invisibles' estimate it would have been in deficit by more than £200 million. In September there trade position remained very was a deficit of £85 million. The comulative current ac-

The quarterly current account surplus this year, on the basis of the new invisibles' estimates, is £429 million. In the autumn statement earlier this month, the Treasury forecast broad balance on current account this year, followed by a £1.5 billion deficit next year. Exports were valued at

£6.20 billion, an increase of £134 million on September. Oil exports rose by £91 million, while exports of the so-called erratic items (ships, aircraft and precious stones) dropped by £30 million. Excluding these, there was a 1.5 per cent increase in exports between September and Oct-

Exports of finished mannfactures rose by 2.7 per cent in volume last month. But in the August-October period they were down by 3 per cent on the previous three months.

Imports rose by £85 million to £7.04 billion last month. There was an increase of £174 million in the value of oil imports, but a £76 million fall in imports of erratic items.

Bank sets underwriting ceiling

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent The Bank of England has imposed its first-ever limit on banks' total underwriting exposure to coincide with the enormous British Gas share flotation. The underwriting process for the £5.6 billion hare issue was completed last

So far, there have been few rules governing the underwrit-ing commitments undertaken by banks. At this stage the limit will apply specifically to banks, which fall under the Bank of England's supervisory control, and will not include stockbrokers and securities houses in the City.

Some bankers are worried that this will put them at a disadvantage to other institutions and could cause complex supervisory problems when foreign banks and securities houses are involved. es are involved.

Before the underwriting of British Gas was completed, the Bank of England contacted banks involved and asked them not to let their total underwriting exposure go underlying capital.

Banks were asked to contact the Bank of England if they

The limit of four times

planned to take on very large

The underwriting commit-ments of institutions such as merchant banks commonly go much higher than this limit much higher than this limit and the Bank has made no

attempt to prevent this.

Although the Bank has informally imposed the limit of four times capital to coincide with the British Gas flotation, the limit is expected to apply to all bank underwriting for the time being. the time being.

The Bank yesterday de-

underwriting exposure is the subject of a Bank consultative paper issuedin July, which suggests an absolute ceiling of 25 per cent of a bank's capital on exposures to indiv

more would have to be re-ported to the Bank automatically. But the paper makes clear that more time is needed to formulate guidelines on

With the underwriting an sub-underwriting of British Gas completed, it looked un-likely that any bank had even come close to breaching the Bank's limit.

Cambrian to comb records on **Boesky**

By Lawrence Level

Cambrian and General Securities, the investment trust formerly run by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur, is in call in accountants to investigate whether Mr Boesky chan-nelled illegal insider deals through Cambrian.

A spokesman for S G Warburg, the merchant bank called in nn Friday to advise the Cambrian board, said yesterday: "We have to have a very detailed investigation. We will need a firm uf accountants to crawl through all the records."

\$300m suit likely

The spokesman said the investigation would extend beyond thuse shares which the SEC had already publicly highlighted as illegally dealt in by Mr Boesky to include shares mentioned in connection with Mr Dennis Levice. In May Mr Levine coofessed to having made more

than \$12 millino (£8.45 million) profits from insider trading The spokesman said: "Basically we have to identify all those stocks which have been

mentioned as sensitive in declined. Pilkingtun dropped 3p tn 608p, RTZ was also down 3p at 667p and Reckitt connection with Mr Eoesky and Mr Levine. "There is no doubt in my mind that a very thorough investigation has got to be

dune into these trades. Our investigations have been very preliminary."
The preliminary investigations carried nut by Cambrian

Shares io Standard Chatered, which now has the so far have involved crosslargest South African exposure checking Cambrian's trading nf any British bank, leapt 27p records against specific dates published by the Securities and Exchange Commission for Mr Boesky's illegal trades.

Profits ahead

Coated Electrodes International, which came to the USM in June, has increased its interim pretax profits by 25 per cent in £653,000

Pleasure, not business: mechanical engineer Richard Thorne, of Northwich, Cheshire, pictured yesterday after winning the use of Concorde for a day, the first prize from 160,000 entries in the British Airways Concorde Challenge

speculation in the City yes-

terday about whether other British companies would fol-

low the example of Barclays

Bank in withdrawing from any

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Barclays' shares fall

after S African pullout

There was continuing price on Monday following

the announcement that it was

selling its stake in Barclays

National, Barclays' shares fell back 10p to 477p, Shares uf

several other companies with

interests in South Africa also

& Coleman dropped 5p to 799p. Consolidated Gold-fields, however, which has the

largest exposure to South Af-

Sir Leslie Smith, chairman uf the British Industry

Committee on South Africa

which represents two thirds of

British investment in the country, said: "Companies should use their influence

within South Africa to im-

prove the system, rather than

withdrawing altogether."

rica, was up 14n to 674p.

yesterday to 834p.

IC Gas board hits out at 'inadequate' £750m bid

By John Bell, City Editor

The board of IC Gas, the group best known for its Calor Gas interests, yesterday accused the Barclay brothers of trying to buy the company on the cheap. David and Fredoffered £750 million throu their much smaller US-based energy group Gulf Resources. In a hard-bitting defence

document, the board says the Barclay terms, 530p a share, value the Calor operations at only 9 times historic earnings. IC Gas shares, which have remained well above the level of Gulf's offer closed last night

By Oar City Staff

Reed International, the pa-

per and publishing group, is joining the Direct Broadcast-

tains no profit forecast, Gulf of though it is clear that one has shares. Gulf can offer for IC Gas The document gives in-IC Gas has attacked the dependent valuations for the

been prepared for possible use Gulf is having to borrow up to £670 million and two-thirds of these borrowings must be repaid within nine months. Gulf hopes to achieve this in part through the disposal of the Belgian operations," says

It points out that the need for rapid asset disposals and the resulting tax liability toat 566p. gether with the costs of the The defence document con-

the Government.

ing Limited consortium, one pected to interview the five of the leading applicants for main contenders for the fran-

the satellite broadcasting fran- chise this week and announce

Gulf proposals as being inad- non-Calor parts of its business equate in both form and putting £472 million on the erick, the Barclay twins, have content. To make the offer, company's Belgian interests

and £60 million on the North Sea operations. "Gulf's offer implies a value for Calor of only £218 million representing a multiple of only nine times earnings for the year to March 31, 1986. Why give Calnr away?" asks the

The document also rejects the idea that IC Gas has performed badly nver the past

Reed joins satellite TV consortium

The other corporate shareholders in the DBL con-

chise soon to be awarded by the winner on December 3.

surtium are British & Communwealth Shipping, Cambridge Electronics, Electronic Rentals, Ferranti, News International and Sears

CBI hails 'significant' drop

Broadcasting Authority is ex-

Pay deals down to 5½%

The Confederation of Brit-ish Industry yesterday re-ported a drop in pay settlements to the lowest level for three years.

The CBI's pay databank shows average increases pro-visionally dropping from 6¼ per cent in the first half of this year to 51/2 per cent in the third The CBI hailed the drop as

'significant" and said it would

please the Government, which s worried that continued high earning levels might further erode Britain's competitiveness and increase memploy-The CBI believes a brighter picture is emerging on Britain's labour costs, although it was cautious about improve-

ments in international com-"The rapid rise in industrial output in the third quarter has international competitive-resulted in a 2.7 per cent rise ness," because no third quarin output per bead in manu- ter data were available for



Sir Peter Walters: UK now "much more competitive" facturing over the levels of a year ago. Therefore, some of the recent deterioration in British unit labour costs has been reversed," the CBI's latest employment affairs sur-

But, it added: "It is too early to judge how this has affected Britain's position in terms of

Sir Peter Walters, the president of the Institute of Directors and chairman of British Petroleum, said at an IoD dinner last night: "The general situation is improving and Britain is now much more competitive with her European partners. But we are still not fully competitive with the United States, Japan and the newly industrialized countries. Europe has still not got its act together."
The CBI believes the cost of

living is continuing to decline in importance as an upward pressure on pay settlements. Companies' inability to increase prices also remains the most strongly felt downward

The lower level of settlements has yet to have an impact on Department uf Employment returns, which this month showed the underlying trend in September's average earnings at 7.5 per cent, where they have stayed

UK managers closing the gap

Although British managers still lag behind in the European pay league, the gap is alowly closing, according to Hay Management Consul-tants' latest annual survey of Евгореан генинетатию.

The improvement looks pos-sible because British salary increases in real terms are slightly higher than in most Enropean countries, says the

forecasts. Of 16 European countries, Britain's gross salaries are

higher only than those in Greece and Portagal, according to the survey. Taken on purchasing power, Britain lags behind all but Greece, Por-ingal and the Irish Republic; the British executive has only British managers will con-tinue to be among the lowest Swiss counterpart. paid in Europe but as comhalf the spending power of his Austria ranks highest on

panies face increasing inter-national competition the gap will gradually crode," it all are ahead of the United States. But on the basis of purchasing power, the US comes first, with Switzerland

in real terms, the average

British employee is 15 per cent

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High street key Trump card in the Burton suit to Alphameric

Alphametic, the electronic on-the-spot information for keyboards company which has benefited from business generated by Big Bang, believes there is a growing demand for its equipment in

It is taking orders for installing terminals in building societies, motor car showrooms

and travel agents.

Mr Dougal Craig-Wood, the chairman, who yesterday re-ported a sharp jump in Alphameric's half-time prof-its, said: "Retailers of all kinds, from financial services to food and white goods, can see the benefit of being able to use our equipment to acand at the same time provide against £5 million.

Among the company's clients are the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society. which is using the equipment to provide marketing informa-tion, and Nabisco, the food group, which is providing its salesmen with terminals to use

Other customers include the Stock Exchange, with more than 5,000 Topic systems installed. Alphameric has also won large orders for the City's

hig dealing rooms.
At the half-way stage of the year, pretax profits were up from £512,000 to £1.7 million, curately monitor stock control on turnover of £9.8 million,

Readicut acquires Drake for £11m

By John Bell, City Editor

fast-growing textiles to carpets group, is moving deeper into fibre manufacture with the £11.25 million purchase of

The proposed acquisition will complement Readicut's fibres producer, Plasticisers, and it will not lead to any dilution of Readicut's earnings per share, the company

The acquisition is to be financed by the issue of 27.4 million Readicut shares - 21 per cent of the group's enlarged capital. Drake is a 65 per cent owned subsidiary of F Drake and Co., which is owned by the Haigh family.

The balance is held by Drake directors and the estate of a former director, Mr J on December 12.

Readicut International, the Hoyle, who owned 10 per sat-growing textiles to carpets cent. Readicut is paying £1.25 million cash for the Hoyle

holding.

Drake made profits of £2.33
million on sales of £14.48 million in the year to August 31. Net assets were £3.28 million, including £1.3 mil-

lion in cash.
Almost 21 million of the new Readicut shares have been conditionally placed with institutional investors at 40p a share by Schroder, the merchant hank. Existing Readicut holders will have the right to purchase new shares at 40p up to a limit of 10 new shares for every 49 held.

The acquisition is subject to shareholders' approval at an

Foreign investment in **UK remains buoyant**

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Foreign investment in Britain has remained buoyant gest investor and accounted for so far this year but the average 131 of the projects. size of projects has fallen. The Invest in Britain Bu-

rean said yesterday that in the first nine months of this year there were 225 investment decisions by overseas companies, an 11 per cent increase. These projects will create 10.620 new jobs and safeguard 7047.

The US remained the big-

Until three months ago, 1986 did not look as if it would be a very good year for inward investment, but a number of decisions over the sur months should mean this is the fourth successive year of record investment. Last year the IBB recorded 305 projects valued at about £3 billion.

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Sir Ralph Halpern, foremost of a nation of shopkeepers, has turned round the **Burton Group and**

become the first British executive to be paid more than

£1 million a year

orking out, pumping iron, running and an unqualified sense of purpose in life give Sir Ralph Halpern a springy, faintly vulpine air. He looks his age - 48 - but in a way that suggests he will never look any older. He collects Rolex watches and wears a mighty gold signet ring and cufflinks flamboyantly en-graved with his initials. He wants to graved with his minute. He wants to transform the destiny of postwar Britain. Last week, he announced that Burton Group made almost £150 million pretax profit in the year to August 31, results that took his pay package over £1 million, making him Britain's highest-paid director.

Halpern is the most startling of the new breed of high street shopkeepers: startling because he has spent almost his entire career working his way up through the management structure of a single company, emerging as its boss just in time to stop the whole operation going bust. Burton, with its attached snooker halls and cheap suits for the working man, had nowhere to go in the Sixties and Seventies.

Montague Burton's combination of hundreds of outlets selling the products of the biggest menswear manufacturing operation in the world made some sense until the early 1960s. Austerity had made people grateful to be able to buy respectable clothes at a reasonable price. But with the advent of greater prosperity, style took over from value for money. Marketing became the key skill and vast manufacturing plants crippled the company's abil-

ity to react to market changes.

By 1978, when Halpern moved into the head office, Burton had failed to find a solution. In 1977 losses had reached £13 million and only major surgery offered hope. The one bright spot was Top Shop, the old dinosaur's noble bid for the youth market. And Top Shop belonged to Halpern.

Born to an Austrian family, he is the son of a successful entrepreneur in pre-war Vienna. The family came to England as prospects for Jews in a Nazi Austria deteriorated, and



school at 18 to join the Lewis's store group, becoming a trainee at Selfridge's.

"I got very involved with the shop and the whole social scene. But I realized pretty quickly that it would take years for me to make any kind of impact in a company that size."

He looked for a smaller company with "clearer perspectives" but made a rare and spectacular mistake. He joined the Peter Robinson group without realizing it was owned by Burton. That was exactly 25 years ago.

Top Shop had begun as an addition inside Peter Robinson shops and was reasonably successful. Halpern identified it as the only genuinely market-led part of the

He turned Top Shop into a separate high street store, beginning in Croydon in 1970, where one woman picked her way through the rubble to buy a dress. The shop was not actually open, but Halpern took her money and gave her change from his own pocket. One of her pound notes is now framed in his

million in its first year.

During the gallant Burton failures

to shrug off its unhappy legacy in the 1970s, he rose and in 1978 he made the top. The headlines slowly changed, from stories about redundancies, retrenchments and roads to recovery, Burton became a stock market darling.

uck played a part. Halpern arrived at the depths of the ges. But he hates the suggestion that

to the success of our company or myself," he insists. "All the way through things have been wrong with the economic environment in which we operated - high taxation. high cost inflation - we had to be extremely efficient just to survive." risking" are at the heart of Halpern's

cycle of decline and at a time when the high street was wide open for chanchance played any part in the Burton turnaround "There were no accidents that led

Planning and what he calls "destrategy. The progress of Burton since 1978 has centred on a series of clear decisions about targets. Every year a new five-year plan is evolved,

centred on the principle that earnsteadily. Gaps in this progress are identified and plugged by defining market sectors where the group is either absent or under-represented.

First, Halpern said the group's speciality was retailing, not manufacturing. Then he created sectors—young, slightly older, sportwear and so on. Within these, he tightly identified the roles of buyers. They were made to justify their choice, not for the ties or the socks in the whole Burton Group but solely for those in Ton Man or new shorts like those in Top Man or new shops like Principles, which is targeted at a higher age group. Computer systems monitored the performance of every line, restocking shops weekly and adjusting the levels of each line. the moment patterns of demand

changed.

Halpern was de-risking for all he was worth, conscious that he was vulnerable at every level to the riskiest area of all - that of popular taste. But he constantly pursued caution, anticipating every disaster.

That way all the risk was con-centrated in the initial decision — in taking on Top Shop, then Burtons, then acquiring Dorothy Perkins, creating Top Man, Principles and, last year, most spectacularly of all, taking over Debenhams for £560 million in a classic battle.

"I was as petrified as I was in 1978. I was in exactly the same situation as I was then. My career was at risk and so was the wealth of all our shareholders. But you can't be 100 per cent cautious 100 per cent of the time — that way you go down the drain."

Debenhams took the group's sales area from 2.5 million square feet to 7.5 million. The tactics of the takeover revealed Halpern as somewhat over-aggressive in City terms. But, just over a year down the line, with the help of some disposals and an ingenious property refinancing deal, it looks as though the derisking procedure has worked.

And that, finally, is what it is all

about. The head offices are flaw lessly restored and random playful-ness is hard to find — even the toy boat on Halpern's manticulate has a rigorous logic. It was presented to him by staff during the Debenhams battle on the basis that all the other bidders seemed to have yaches so they felt he should too.

imilarly he guards the privacy of his personal life. He has a house near the office and another in Sarrey, a wife, Joan, who is a JP and an 18-year-old daughter, Jenny, but that is about as far as he will go. If he was American, he says, he would not feel the need to explain himself. But here suspicion of wealth and capitalism is so entrenched he feels obliged to adopt a public role to proselytize on behalf of entrepreneurs and wealth crehis belief in incentives throughout the group, including - and he makes no bones about this - to himself. With bounces, Burton paid him £542,000 last year.

"I'm totally practical," he announces in response to a philo-sophical inquiry. "I believe in God and I believe in right and wrong and I believe what I am ching is right for me and right for the people who work for me." It is a homespun, uncomplicated statement from an overwhelming, narcissistic and slightly claustrophobic man; his philosophy, unhindered by self-doubt or introspection, could well have come from the lips of a Reagan

Certainly he is at one with his staff in the basement gym, where a computer calculates the relative fitness of all the employees. Halpern describes himself as the fittest man on the board; City analysis, not to mention shareholders, will doubt-less reflect today that the description applies in more ways than one.

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> Processing Systems of Massachusetts, for \$540,000 (£386,000). The unaudited of \$917,000 and a pre-tax loss of

PERSONAL ASSET TRUST: Figures for 6 months to October 31 in £000. Total income was 132 (94), rev before tax 64 (38), tax 19 an indication of the full years results. The company values its unquoted portfolio oo a conser-vative basis. Shares 41½p up 1p.

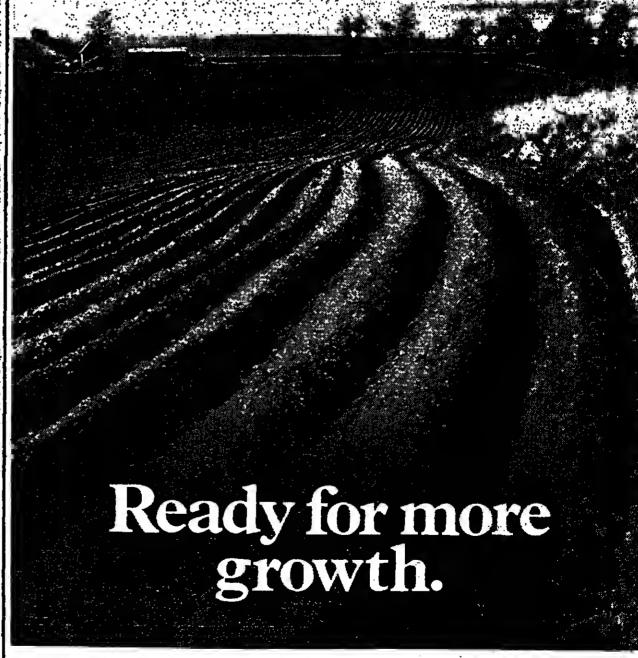
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CLUFF OIL HOLDINGS The company's subsidiary Cluff Mineral Exploration (Moabwe) has made a second gold discovery at Bindura. The new deposit, which is to be known as Freda. lies adjacent to the previously reported Rebecca discovery and exploration indicates a resource of about 51,000oz of gold. The of this resource, which is cal-culated to contain about 242,000oz. The total gold con-tained in both Freda and Rebecca is estimated to be 293,000oz. Recent drilling at Rebecca below 150 metres pro-vides significant potential for underground mining.

ary 23 nf 0.5p (nil) for th half year to September 27. Wifigures in £000: turnover 23,7 (20.062), profit before tax 1,2 (607), tax 249 (65), minorities (oil), earnings per share 6.03p (3.22p). The board reports good progress in all divisions and indications for the next six months are encouraging and point to a healthy profit for the full year.

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New life for gold shares in **Sydney**

ecent gold boom.

A leading local stockbroker is forming an investment com-pany that will buy shares solely in Australian gold-min-ing companies, according to financial sources in Sydney. The new company, which should be launched early next well amerate on lines

should be launched early next year, will operate on lines sindler to ASA, the long-established American invest-ment company which invests in South African gold-mining companies and their parent

which will resemble a British which will resemble a firstsh investment trust, is expected to hive initial paid-up capital of about Aus\$200 million (291 million) and should help to overcome the problems which deter foreign investors from buying into the Australian gold.market.

The main drawback to investing "Down Under" is that many Amstralian gold companies have they market capitalizations, so that a large are order from abroad can have a marked effect on share

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prices.
Of the 120 or so producers quoted on Australian stock exchanges, at least 30 have than US\$10 million (£7 million), which makes it difficult to buy at the market quote or to sell without bringing the

The total Australian gold-mining market capitalization of about USSS billion is less than the combined market worth of Driefonisin and Vani Reefs, two of South Africa's

While the 40 South African haustive detail by their own quarterly reports and scratiny by the mining Press and analysts, foreign fund managers find it difficult to keep track of what the ever-increasing number of tiny Australian producers are doing. And, Australian names are scattered in remote locations across the country, making the flow of information even harder.

The new company's backers hope that foreign investors will feel more comfortable buying into Australian mines knowing that a local feam is scratinizing the investments and that funds can be with-drawn without disturbing the market too neuch.

Local brokers report that oreign interest has grown this ear, due to the rising bullion

Anstralia as a leading gold producer and, particularly in the US, escalating mease over investing in South Africa.

Sydney stockhrokers point out that in spite of a doubling in the Australian gold share index since May, local mines still present good value.

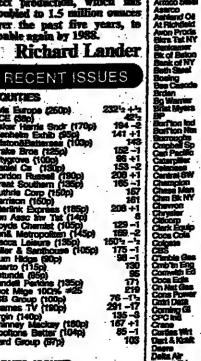
"The price-camings ratios are much lower than Canadian producers and about the same

are much sever man about the same producers and about the same as South African unines with-out the obvious problems," one out the obvious prob senior analyst said.

Local investors were drawn Local investors were drawn to the mines as the Australian dollar plunged to about US\$0.60, producing a gold price in local terms of almost Au\$650 an ounce, the highest for six years, while overseas interest has been boosted by the relative stability of the Australian dollar since the

The haunting spectre of a damaging gold-mine tax, the subject of an official inquiry, has also diminished.

The rising Australian dollar and better relining techniques have also ensured a confinning increase in the country's gold output, with some producers re-treating mine damage that have been left untouched since the 1950s. Some brokers expect production, which has some products are producted as a construct of the country of the count he 1950s. Some brokers ex-tect production, which has outled to 1.5 million ounces ver the past five years, to oable again by 1988.



STOCK MARKET REPORT

Standard Chartered shares leap 27p in heavy buying

and Carol Leonard Shares of Standard Char-tered, the international banking group, stood out from the crowd yesterday on sugges-tions that another stake-building exercise was under way. More than £40 million was added to the group's stock market value as the shares surged 27p to 833p.

The wealthy Malaysian businessman, Tan Sri Khoo

Teck Puat, one of three white knights who helped rescue Standard from the clutches of Lloyds Bank earlier this year, is reckoned to have been trying to add to his holding. On Monday Tan Sri Khoo announced that he had raised

his stake in Standard to 9.77 million shares, or 6.2 per cent. Last week he agreed to swap his near 30 per cent stake in Exco International, the money broker, for shares in Mr John Gunn's British & Common-wealth Shipping after it made an agreed bid.

• WSL Holdings, the specialist travel operator, is still winning friends in the City. Last week it amounced pretax profits of £3.1 mil-lion for the 17 months to Angust, and it looks capable of even better profits in the current year. L Messel, the £4 million. The shares slipped 1p to 148p.

But in the Far East Tan Sci Khoo has become embroiled in a £400 million banking case with the National Bank of Brunei. His eldest son, Khoo Ban Hock, has appeared m court, charged with conspiracy to defraud the National Bank of Brunei and with false accounting.

Dealers in London reported heavy turnover of Standard shares yesterday, with one leading broker proving to be an agressive buyer. The rest of the equity

market spent a lackinstre day. Turnover was minimal and prices were left to drift. An early attempt at a rally on the back of the trade figures soon ran out of steam with investors firmly entrenched on the sidelines. Many were

BROWN & TAWSE: The company has acquired the business, stock and equipment of the tube division of the British and

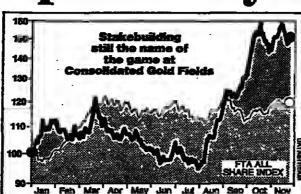
General Tube company from the liquidators for £1,550,000 in

NATIONAL: For the six months to September 30 with figures in \$000; sales and royalty

figures in \$000c sales and royalty income 14,372 (9,678), total costs and expenses 11,759 (7,493), operating profit 2,613 (2,185), interest (net) 372 (58), gain on foreign currency transactions 162 (nil), profit beforetex 3,147. (2,243), tax 1,313 (1,063), earnings per share 4 cents (3,2 cents), fully diluted carnings per share 3.5 cents (3,0 cents).

an offer for Carter Hawley

At one stage, the Dow Jones



mystery buyer.

Dealers are now expecting

an announcement from the

new owner within the next few days, and they already bracing

themselves for an early full bid

of 275p. That would value Goldsmiths at £41.6 million.

Kennedy Brookes finished 2p

lighter at 286p. Barrick Resources, the Ca-

nadian gold mining company controlled by the Hungarian

emigré, Mr Peter Munk, is believed to have acquired a 49 per cent stake in Consoli-

dated Geldfields, the mining

The stake, which has been

built up over the past few weeks, is being held in an

unresistered form by James Capel, the broker, and it is

likely to be used in a con-sortium break-up bid for

Consgold, now capitalized at

£1.3 billion, but with a break-

up value of about £1.55 bil-

lion, or 780p a share. Barrick

began buying the shares when they were 570p each.

Consgold shares jumped 14p yesterday to 674p, taking them near their high for the

A spokesman for Consgold said: "We have not been notified by Barrick of a 5 per cent holding." But he declined

to discuss any lesser shareholdings that might have

been revealed on the

year of 701p.

finance company.

too busy filling out their appliction forms for British Gas to worry about what was been wide of the mark. There were also suggestions that a 12.3 per cent stake in Goldsmith held by Swinton going on in the market.
The FT 30-share index fin-

ished at its lowest point of the day, 12.2 down at 1,270.4. The changed hands and had been FT-SE 100 closed 17.2 down snapped up by the same at 1,619.3.

Government securities spent a nervous session, open-ing with losses ranging to £1/4. They recovered after the trade figures, but began to drift at the close as the pound lost ground against the dollar on the foreign exchange market, and they ended £4 lower. Briteil, down 6p at 153p on

oil price worries, could go better when trading resumes today. Mr David Walker, chief executive, met the London Oil Analysts' Group yesterday and made a favourable impression. He says that estimates of \$1.60 a barrel on Britoil's proven reserves is "completely unrealistic." He expects the figure to be sharply upgraded. Kennedy Brookes, the Wheelers and Mario & Franco restaurant group, has sold its entire holding in Goldsmiths

reasonable profit on the deal.
About 1.1 million shares (7.5 per cent) belonging to Kennedy Brookes went through the market yesterday at 250p and were quickly snapped up by a mystery

Group, the retail jeweller, and

it appears to have made a

day that it had bought a 6.4 per cent stake in Goldsmith and it is believed to have paid 230p a share. Talk that Ken-nedy Brookes had bought the been revealed on stake in Goldsmith to ward of company's share register. COMPANY NEWS

Barrick, capitalized at Canadian \$450 million (£229 million), could not afford to bid for Consgold on its own, and any consortium bid would have to have the approval of South Africa's Anglo-American which, through its foreign investment arm, Minorco, owns 28.27 per cent.

Cable and Wireless, the electronics and telecommunielectronics and telecommuni-cations group, slipped 12p to 320p after a meeting on Monday between Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Karasawa, Japan's minister of posts and

But fears in the market that the company had been eff-ectively refused its application for a licence to compete against KDD, the Japanese telecommunications authority which is being deregulated, were refuted by Cable & Wireless yesterday in a

Mr Karasawa suggested that IDC, the consortium in which Cable and Wireless has a 20 per cent stake, should merge with its rival bidder for the licence, ITJ, arguing that no industrialized nation has an international telecommunications company which has foreign participation. His sug-gested merger would reduce the Cable and Wireless

reaction, Cable and Wireless said that Mr Karasawa's suggestions were "nothing

 Shares in London International, the Royal Worcester and Durex company, firmed 1%p to 237%p after a day of trading in American depositury receipts on the US over-the-counter market. ADRs will make the stock more readily available to the American investment mar ket where fever over Aids is

Some market men agree. Mi Mark Loveland, speaking for the electronics team at Rowe & Pitman, the broker, said: "It is simply a restatement of the minister's position and nothing has changed our view about the strength of the Cable and Wireless consortium."

Mr Loveland said that the shares were trading at a 6 per cent premium to the market when they should be at a 20 per cent premium - at around 360p. "We think the stock is

chesp at these levels and we have occu buyers. Asia lost 4p to 150p after a visit by Scringcour Vickers, the broker.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Chancellor strikes invisible gold

The story so far: our intrepid hero, one Nigel Lawson, finds himself plunging towards the rapids. The canoe is awash with money, sterling is leaking out fast and danger threatens. The crowd on the banks grits its teeth, or smiles, depending on whether it is long or short of the currency. One more disastrous set of trade figures and all could be lost.

But it is only a dream, or a nightmare. The balance of payments was never really in trouble. Hidden treasure, freshly dug, has added lustre to the October trade figures. Another large current account deficit would have proved highly damaging for the pound and the Chancellor's hopes of keeping interest rates at 11 per cent perhaps damaging the British Gas sale in the process. What better moment for the statisticians to come up with another £300 million a month of myisibles?

To be fair, there are reasons why Britain's invisibles surplus is expected to increase. Since the end of June the pound has lost more than 10 per cent of its value and devaluation always has a speedier and more direct impact on invisible earnings than on trade in goods. A fall in the pound automatically increases the sterling return on a British investment in West Germany or the United States. As well as this, Britain's monthly European Community Budget abatement has increased. It is now worth £100 million a month, compared with a monthly figure of £75 million earlier in the year. The timing and size of the adjustment, however, might make a saint suspicious.

Whitehall statisticians could not offer any detailed reasons yesterday for the upward revision of the third quarter invisibles surplus to £800 million a month. The third quarter figures have not yet been fully worked through. But confidence is a fine thing. Not only is the July-September invisibles surplus revised by £200 million a month, but the estimate of the fourth quarter surplus has been lifted by even more, to £900 million a month. This, conveniently, was just enough to push the current account into surplus, by only £65 million.

Neither sterling, down 0.3 on the index to 67.9 yesterday, despite some helpful dollar weakness, nor gilts was convinced. The gilts market initially rose on the announcement of the current account surplus but then fell back after examining the details.

The details are fairly gory. The trade deficit on manufactures widened last month to £872 million. In the past four months, Britain has run a deficit on manufactures of nearly £3

Treasury officials were at pains to point out that in the latest three months, imports of capital goods were far stronger than imports of consumer underwriting syndicates

goods. All that tells us is that Britain's lack of competitiveness is fairly widely spread.

There was nothing in yesterday's figures to take sterling off the "highly vulnerable" list. Furthermore, a weaker oil price is in the wind — something which spells good news for West Germany, Japan and the United States but trouble for the British payments and budget outlook. Share and bond markets are reflecting the oil prospect, firming in New York and Frankfurt but making no progress in London.

The Chancellor may soon find himself back in his canoe.

Underwriting worries

The Bank of England's muted instruction to banks not to overdo their underwriting of British Gas is formally an isolated ruling for an isolated occasion - if only because its discussions are still going on over the general paper about large exposures by banks.

As it happens, the discussion docu-ment relates only to individual exposures and the overall underwriting rule is certainly likely to stand until the exposure rules are sorted out. It offers an intriguing pointer to the way things are going

Underwriting has until now been seen almost as an exception to the general banking rules of prudence. It has proved a method for merchant banks in particular to gear up their operations to an unusual level in one particular area.

It also questions the underwriting of huge takeover bids by merchant banks for short periods pending sub-underwriting round the market.

The Bank's worries are justified, for the supervising authority has to look beyond today's fair weather to the storms that perennially follow. But any such rules will need to be judged on two different tests - their effects on the total underwriting capacity of the market and on the competitive position of smaller merchant bank groups compared with the giants

On a global basis, restrictions on the exposure of any one bank are unlikely to affect London's total capacity significantly When it comes to flexibility, how-

ever, the story could look different. If only the likes of Barclays, Natwest, Nomura, Citicorp and Deutsche Bank can give an immediate yes, they will have an even stronger competitive advantage and the general speed of movement might be restricted. That of itself might seem quite a

useful backdoor way of controlling the excesses of mergermania, but would do so at the expense of the London financial services industry as a whole. In practice, restrictions are more

likely to accelerate the trend to fixed-

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An interim dividend of 1.1p is to be paid for the six months to September 30. With figures in £000: profit before tax 522 (405), tax 116 (81), carnings per share 3.0p (2.4p). The chairman anticipates continued growth with a healthy increase in profits for the full year.

• FAIRBRIARAN interim dividend of 1.5p (0.75p) will be paid on February 10 for the balf year to September 30. With figures in £000: turnover 4.379

For the half year to September 27 an interim dividend of 1p (Ip) will be paid on January 5. With figures in £000: external WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) — Share industrial average was up 0.71 prices were mixed as blue to 1,906.78 as falls led atchips inched higher, but the market continued to trail with Limited Incorporated making

(3,678), profit before tax 1,535 (1,216), tax 537 (490), earnings per share 5,64p (4,37p). The chairman is confident that sales - foundries 11.482 (10.681), steel 6.116 (7.345), engineering and services 7.155 (8.184), operating profit – foundries 454 (328), steel 281 (225), engineering and services 135 (448), exceptional debit 100 SAVAGE GROUP: At the the chairman

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Retail shares rose sharply while weak durable goods provided some lift.

CANADIAN PRICES

TOMKINSONS: For the year to September 27, a final dividend of 2.75p will be paid on February 10 against an adjusted 3p making 4p (3p). With figures in £000, turnover was 20062 (16863), trading profit 1873 (1228), interest payable 16 (127), pretax profit 1857 (1101), tax 668 (369), earnings per share 20.18p (12.65p).

Exchange hit by Smith exit

The Stock Exchange was last night bracing itself for a blow to its future with the imminent withdrawal from the trading floor of Smith New Court, its leading market-maker.

As foreshadowed in The Times several weeks ago, the firm is due to transfer all its floor dealers to its own elec-tronic trading room early next The decision follows a re-

view of the trading pattern by Mr Tony Lewis, the chairman of Smith New Court, and his senior colleagues.
They found that while there

was no lack of business, their employees on the floor were less than happy with operating a personal business while maintaining a close vigil on the prices screens.

The move signals an abrupt policy change at Smith New Court, which was formed when Smith Bros, a leading equity market-maker, and Scon Goff Layton, a specialist institutional equity stock-broker, merged

Mercury Securities, one of the largest of the new financial conglomerates formed before Big Bang, has already with-drawn all but a few dealers. And Barclays de Zoete Wedd has switched all trading in alpha and beta stocks from the floor to its new £18 million dealing room but maintains a presence to handle trades in

"There is a realization that the life of the Stock Exchange floor is limited. The people on the floor feel as if they are out on a limb," said a spokesman. No decision has been taken to withdraw activities altogether.

The Exchange believes the space vacated on the floor by the market-makers will be

1982/83 First half: Profit before tax £73.9m Earnings per share 7.4p Dividends per share 2.2p

share 8.7p

1983/84

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1984/85

First half:

Profit before tax £100.8m

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1986/87 First half:* Profit before

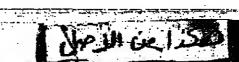
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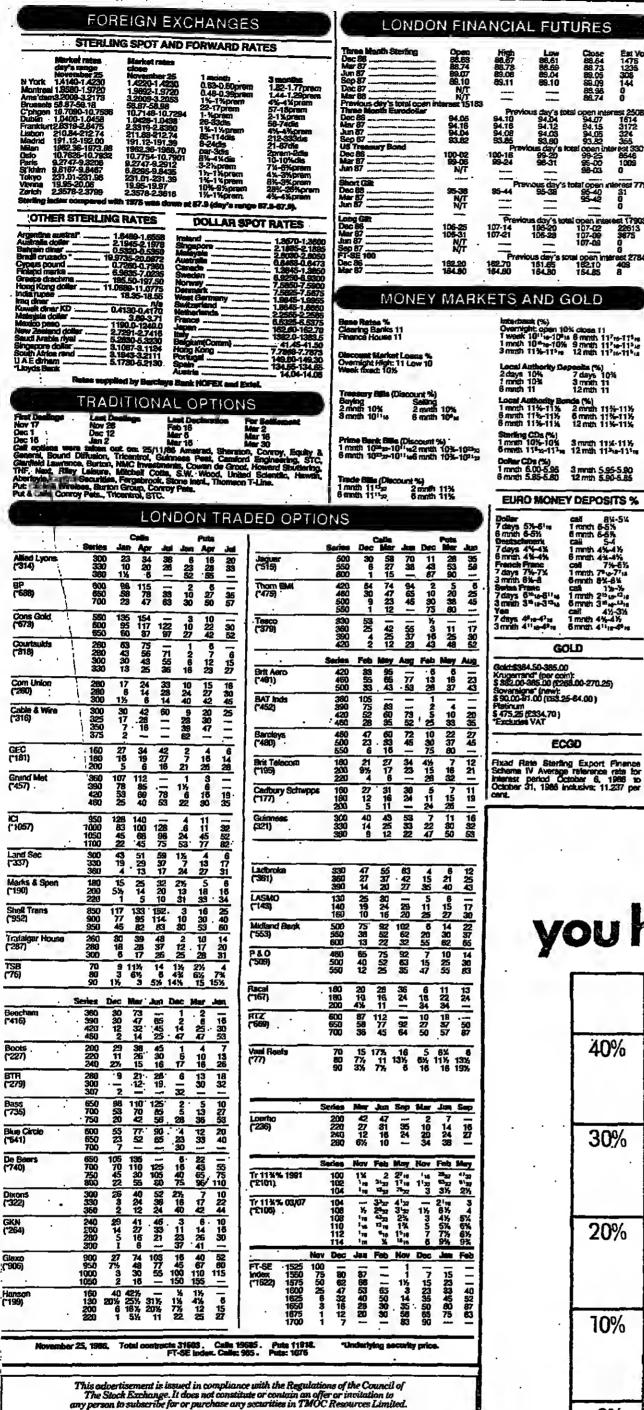
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1986/87 First half:* profit before tax up 20.7%, earnings per share up 28.6%, dividends per share up 20.0%.

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Allied finds a successful brew

Elders IXL takeover threat has turned the City's attention to Allied-Lyons' busipess fundamentais.

There seems little to worry about. Turnover for the six months to September 13 was virtually unchanged at £1.7 billion, but pretax profit jumped by 21 per cent to £148 million.

Brewing accounts for 57 per cent of Allied's business. Profits from this source rose 27.9 per cent to £84 million and the group benefited from the continuing investment in its public houses and brewing

The trend for lager contin-ues at the expense of mild and hitter beers. Allied's lager sales form a little more than 48 per cent of total beer sales, compared with 45 per cent last year and 40 per cent for the industry as a whole.

The food division is performing well. Takeovers have strengthened some of its activities and the group has expansion plans for chilled foods.
Although the wines and

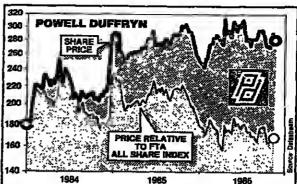
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spirits division remains competitive, it advanced to 9.5 per cent. Hiram Walker, viewed originally as a pill to poison Elders' bid, has strategic merit in its own right. It will make Allied a leading player in the world drinks league, and reduces its exposure to any threat from the tied-house system.

A £400 million deal, which

gives Allied 51 per cent of Hiram Walker, should be finalized soon. The other 49 per cent will be owned by Gulf Canada. It is hoped that this partnership will produce a healthy business after years of static profits. So far this year, Hiram Walker's profits have increased and the introduction of Allied-Lyons' products into Hiram Walker's distribution channels should benefit both

companies. However the acquisition



ciate may be expanded. The

return on capital earned hy Powell Duffryn in the ven-

ture - about 100 per cent - is

well above what could be

earned if the money was

group's other activities are

unexciting. The shipping di-

vision is being reorganized at a cost of £966,000, taken

above the line. The one-off

benefits have yet to be en-

joyed, but the market re-

Profits from hulk fuel stor-age have stabilized, but they

are unlikely to move ahead

and engineering is bolding its

own. Losses from the American husiness, National Pump, should be eliminated

The sheres have underperformed against the

market since Lord Hanson's

foray in 1984-85. Although the revitalized managem

team is improving the perfor-

mance of the core husinesses.

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ative for them to tackle

something with more ob-

The sale of the timber

businesses and the cash flow

from the mature parts of the

group leave the balance sheet

looking sound. Aithough a

rash move away from areas of

proven expertise would not

be welcome, there is room for

Powell Duffryn to be a little

vious growth potential.

The prospects for the

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this year.

will take its toll of Allied's balance sheet. Its present debt ratio of 21 per cent will rise to 80 per cent. Asset revaluaduce this, but it will remain above 65 per cent.
Allied should make £325

million in pretax profit this year. This gives the shares an undemanding p/e of 10. A rerating may have to wait until Hiram Walker has proved itself.

Powell Duffryn

Companies which are beneficiaries of lower oil prices are rare, but Powell Duffryn is one. Falling prices stimulated demand and pushed first half volumes up by 21 per cent, and a less competitive market made it possible to widen

margins.

The combined effect of these factors more than doubled interim fuel distribution profits to £5.7 million. This was an especially sound performance since coal volumes, which account for half the business, fell by 13 per cent with an detrimental effect on profits.

The fuel-distribution market is fragmented. Powell Duffryn is the biggest operator in its segment with a market share of only 4 per cent. The scope for making strategic acquisitions is, therefore, considerable.

The joint-venture construction materials asso£27 million (24.1p) for this year rising to £29.5 million (27p) for 1987-88, the shares are supported by the average yield alone. **EMAP**

EMAP's publishing vehicle is firing on all four cylinders after clearing out extraneous matter such as the news-

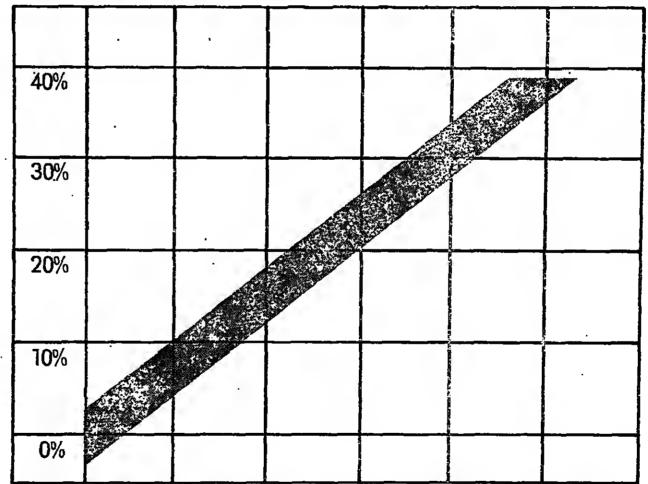
agency chain In the first half, EMAP produced a 32 per cent rise in pretax profits on turnover which increased only slightly because of disposals. The three print divisions - local newspapers, consumer maga-- are all making handsome progress, while the exhibition arm continues to bring in generous returns on turnover.

An emphasis on creative thinking in-house has pro-duced carefully-targeted suc-cesses such as Smash Hits and Just 17 for teenagers, to be followed, EMAP hopes, by Q launched recently for the male yuppie market. The newspapers and business magazines are both benefit ing from a surge in advertis ing spending. For the newspapers this takes the form of increased space while for the magazines, volumes are static but increasingly moving from monochrome

to high-margin colour. EMAP also benefits from a management disciplined enough to avoid the glamorous hnt capital-intensive sideshows of the electronic media. Forays abroad will come eventually but in the meantime EMAP will use its £10 million for magazine launches and further news-

paper acquisitions. Its A shares, up 4p at 137p, stand on a price/earnings multiple of 17.8, based on full-year pretax profits of £13 million. Such a premium rating seems well-carned by the group's track record and potential.

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Brazilians head for new coffee crisis

Alfenas, Brazil, (Reuter) -Abnormally dry weather in the coffee-growing regions of Brazil has increased fears of a second disastrous harvest.

Growers in the southern state of Minas Gerais, where some of the country's finest coffees are grown, said trees were starting to show signs of the drought conditions.

Although trees had shown some recovery after the 1985 drought, the fresh bout of dry weather and the intense heat. was begioning to cause fruit buds to yellow and fall. Every day without raio

means a further drop in the crop," a buyer for a big exporting company io the region said. Raiofall so far this year is

between 14 and 16 inches below normal. A seven-month drought in 1985 devastated the country's harvest. Brazil produced only 11.2 million bags of 132 pounds in 1985 – one-third of

in 1984. The 1985 drought also damaged Brazil's chances of whittling away its large foreign borrowing and prompted the country to buy about 600,000 bags, or 36,000 tonnes, of coffee io London io Sep-

the 30 millioo bags produced

Confusion about whether Brazil, the world's largest coffee grower and exporter, would ship the tonnage home or resell it in London has seen

world coffee prices tumble. At present, coffee is selling for about \$1.50 a pound compared with more than \$2 earlier in the year and about \$1.80 in September.

Analysis had said the original reason for buying 600,000 bags of coffee in Loodoo may have been to satisfy avid domestic coffee-drinkers and free better grades for export.

But the government, which was re-elected recently, may have delayed shipping during the politically sensitive election period because it did not want to be seen importing one of the country's most important earners.

Traders io Europe said yesterday that Brazil was likely to start importing the coffee

Boesky likely to be sued for \$300 million damages

FMC Corporation has become the first of an expected wave of large corporations to indicate that it may sue Mr Ivan F Boesky for damages, estimated at more than \$300 million (£214 million), in response to the insider-trading

Company officials confirmed vesterday they were considering a suit although Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, announced a sweeping review of US insidertrading laws to be conducted by the White House Cabinet Council on economic policy.

The council will scrutinize closely not only insider-trading laws but regulations governing takeovers and the scope of authority exercised by the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and other agencies.

Mr Baker said he hoped to avert a "stampede or rush to judgmeot" until completion

• CENTURY OILS GROUP: A dividend of 1.6p (1.5p) will be

paid for the half year to September 30 on January 30. With figures to £000: turnover 45,580 (44,371), raw materials and operating costs 42,173 (41,054),

other income 70 (56), interest payable and similar charges 933 (865), profit before tax 2.544 (2,508), tax 857 (1.080), minority interests 57 (51) earnings per share 6.64p (5.61p).

• LEIGH INTERESTS: For

the half year to September 30 an

interim dividend of 1.4p (1.3p) is to be paid on January 15. With figures in £000: sales 20.284 (19.342), pretax profit 855 (720), tax 299 (288), earnings per share 3.1p (3.0p).

• CHASE CORPORATION:

The company is to pay an interim dividend of four ceous per share on March 20 for the

half year to September 30. With figures io \$000; profit 40,979 (17,563), after paying tax of 7,137 (7,334). The profit includes an equity share of associated an equity share of associated.

ciated comapanies profits after tax of 11,426 (702).

• ICI: The boards of ICI and

Scottish Agricultural Industries (SAI) have reached agreement

on the terms for the acquisition

by ICt of the ordinary capital of SAI, beyond the 5,276,687 or-

dinary shares ICI owns already.



Ivan Boesky: said to have made profits of \$200 million

of the cabinet investigation and the present investigations by US Congressional officials.

The announcement came on a day in which the SEC denied a report in the Wall Street Journal that Mr Boesky earned profits of more than \$200 millioo from insider trading tips, much more than the \$50 millioo reported by the agency.

JOHN J LEES: The com-

pany has acquired the capital of Vitmix, the patisserie. Vitmix achieved turnover of £270,141

and profit before tax of £1,094 in

• CARROLL INDUSTRIES:

Figures for the year to September 30 io £000. Final dividend

ber 30 io 2000. Final dividend was 4.7p, making 7.5p (7p). Group sales were 285,360 (276,831), pretax profit was 13,032 (12,710), tax was 2,250 (2,345) and profit after tax was 10,782 (10,365). Earnings per share were 15.0p (14.4p). Dividend mayable on February 9

dend payable on February 9.

NZI CORPORATION: The

value of bonus shares to be allotted to lieu of dividend in respect of the announced in-terim dividend is NZ\$1.937

(70p) share.
• THE UNITED BREW-

ERIES: Figures in Danish kro-ner millions for the year to September 30. Net turnover was

9,076 (8.599), profit before tax was 3748 (673) and profit after tax was 375 (325).

• BRISTOL CHANNEL SHIP REPAIRERS: CH Bai-

ley, which owns 45 per cent of BCRS, is involved in talks that may lead to the sale of the whole

of CH Bailey's holding in BCSR.

• BSS: The acquisition of

Manor has been completed and

the associated placing and clawback offer to shareholders

COMPANY NEWS

estimate is not borne out by the facts and is way too high." Wall Street officials estimated that during the past

week, the arbitrage commu-nity had made losses calculated at \$1 billion because of a sharp drop in the value of takeover-related shares. Analysts said the abrupt halt to Revion Group's \$4.12

Company, through a \$558 million buy-back agreement, dampened further the market for takeover shares. "In the post-Boesky at-mosphere, takeovers are under intense pressure," a top official of First Bostoe

billion hostile bid for Gillette

Corporation said. Officials said Revion would not have abandoned the take-over offer if it had not been relying on Drexel Burnham Lambert to raise funds for the

Ms Mary McCue, an SEC spokeswoman, said: "We dispute the Journal story. The decision fuelled reports that Wall Street's arbitragents had suffered their worst losses in the history of the business Speculation grew that Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith had been particularly hard hit, losing op to \$60 million. But Mr James Flynn. a company spokesman, said the estimates were too high. He said Merrill Lyach had "suffered losses in the past 10 days like everyone else" but added that the losses were less

than \$20 million. FMC Corporation was the targets of Mr Boesky's insider-trading scheme. It said he bought shares based on information supplied by an investment banker charged in an earlier insider-trading investigation.

The trading caused FMC's shares to jump in price, cost-ing the company a reported \$360 million before it an-nounced a \$2 billion capital restructuring plan.

APPOINTMENTS

Savage Group: Mr Don Wightman becomes groop marketing director. Anglian Water Authority. Mr Andrew Semple is made

managing director. United Guarantee (Holdings): Mr Richard Greenwood joins the board.

British Linen Fund Man-agers: Mr James Miller becomes chairman. Rossmore Warwick: Sir

Alan Veale is made chairman. Godfrey Davis Rent-A-Unit: Mr Derek Harawell becomes managing director. Wimpey Construction UK: Mr David Horner is made marketing director. Moore Stephens: Mr Terry

Newman becomes a partner. Manufacturers Hanover Trust: Mr Gordon Remoldson is made vice-president.

Commercial Union Trust

Managers: Mrs See Coomber

becomes a director. Valin Pollen International: Mr Tom Martejo becomes group international director. Gee/Rosen Organisation: Mr Paul Rooke joins the

Sealink British Ferries: Mr Christopher Garnett is made a rifrector.



Christopher Garnett

director of the European sector and joins the Hoverspeed board. Megasat: Mr Brian North

trained, skilled and experienced. In pursuit of their claim for better pay, their union, the IPCS, called a one-day lightning has become a oon-executive Lattice Logic: Mr David Simpsoo becomes chairman. The plaintiffs then applied for

an injunction to prevent further threatened strikes. Racal-BCC: Mr J A D Timms By calling out the fatstock officers, the union were clearly inducing the prevention of the is deputy chairman and Mr David Poole managing director, Racal-BCC and Racal due performance by the plain-tiffs of their various cootracts Bloomsbury Publishing: Mr with producers, retailers and Nigel Batt becomes finance

But that tortious action was rendered non-actionable by the combination of section 13(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 and section 10 of the Trade Union Act 1984.

strike for third party fatstock officers had with their effect would be that any em employers, the MLC. Since it was primary indus-

Barrets & Baird (Wholesale) Ltd and Others v Institution of

Professional Civil Servants

Although an employee who

went on strike in furtherance of a trade dispute with his em-

on strike would not be granted on that ground in the absence of

any intention to injure the third

party.
Mr Justice Henry so stated in

the Queen's Beach Division, sitting in Birmingham, refusing

an application by the nine plaintiffs, members of the Association of British Abattoir

Owners and associated com-panies in the meat trade, to

continue ex parte injunctions granted by telephone by Mr Justice Jupp on October 26, 1986, to restrain the defendants,

the Institution of Professional Civil Servants and their nego-

tiating secretary. Mr Joseph Duckworth, from interfering with the business of the plain-tiffs by taking or inducing strike

Mr P. A. Goulding for the plaintiffs, Mr S. C. Rubin for the

MR JUSTICE HENRY said

and periodical functions of the intervention Board for Agricultural Products (IBAP) which had been created to administer subsidies under

the common agricultural policy.

The MLC employed 630 fat-stock officers, based at private-

sector abattoirs all over the

The officers were highly

Before Mr Justice Henry

[Judgment November 17]

and Others

No injunction against

trial action, the complicated provisions of section 17 of the Employment Act 1980, outlaw-ing secondary action, had no application.

The plaintiffs, who were not concerned in the pay dispute, had brought the proceedings ployer might be liable in tort to a third party injured by his breach of contract, injunctive relief to prevent a union calling him out simply to restore order to their business and prevent further withdrawal of labour by the fatetool officer fatstock officers.

The legal problem confront-ing the plaintiffs was to find a cause of action which had not cause of action which had not been rendered immune by section 13(1) of the 1974 Act, which read "An act done by a person in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be actionable in tort on the ground only..." and then set out the specific torts in relation to which protection was given. which protection was given.

The use of the word "only",
limiting the immunity to the
torts listed, had inspired
employers and their advisers to

develop so-called economic torts to which the immunity would not apply.

The plaintiffs founded their

The plaintiffs founded their claim on three such torts:

1 loterference with the plaintiffs trade, business or employment coutracts by unlawful means, namely
(a) the inducement or procurement of a breach by the IBAP or MLC of their statutory duty under the Agriculture Act 1967 and the European Communities Act 1972, and
(b) the again breach by a (b) the actual breach by a fastock officer of his contract of employment with the MI.C.

MR JUSTICE HENKY Said that the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) had been set up under the Agriculture Act 1967 to help maintain guaranteed prices for livestock.

After Britain joined the European Communities, the MLC also performed the delegated functions of the Interpretain. 2 Interference with the plaintiffs contracts by the same inlawful means.
3 Inducement of breach of the same statutory duties as a tort on its own.

Dealing with I and 2 together,
the threatened strikes would

undoubtedly interfere with the plaintiffs' business, but were the means unlawful? The statutory duty under (a)

country, who carried out the certification procedures nec-essary to obtain subsidies and was to provide a proper system for the inspection and certification of live and dead stock. It was in performance of that duty that the MLC had trained and appointed the 630 fatstock offi-

> it was eminently arguable that that duty was owed to the plaintiffs. But it was difficult to see how the MLC could be under a duty to provide the plaintiffs with a strike-free systern and there was nothing to that effect in the legislation. Moreover, there was no ev-

idence to suggest that the pro-posed industrial action would bring the certification system to a grinding halt. On the evidence as it stood, there was therefore no arguable case under (a) based on breach of statutory duty. because it was common ground that the strikes would be in contemplation or furtherance of excited academic speculation but had not apparently been before the courts. If correct, its

ployee could not obey his union's strike call without leaving himself personally open to a claim in tort by a third party whose business expected to be affected by the strike.

officials were covered by statutory immunity for the giving of strike instructions, those who obeyed those instructions, or faced the possibility of losing their union cards if they refused, might still be personally liable in

the business not just of the company which employed them but also of others not involved in the dispute. It was clear that strike action by the farstock officers would interfere with the plaintiffs' (1) trade or business,

The Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 declared by section 13(3) "for the avoidance of doubt" that a striker's breach of his own service contract should not be regarded as an unhaviel means of furthering a dispute, but section 17(8) of the Employment Act 1980 provided that section 13(3) "shall case to

have effect."

In the circumstances, there was clearly an arguable case sufficient for interlocutory pursuits a striker's breach of poses, that a striker's breach of his contract of employment might be malawini means in the present situation.

But to make an individual striker liable in text to a third party damaged by the strike, it had to be shown that the striker's predominant purpose was injury to the plaintiff and not the furtherance of his own

aelf-interest.

Although the union had referred with apparent suisfaction to the major disruption caused by the first one-day strike, it seemed plain on the evidence before his Lordship that the purpose of the industrial action being taken was a perfectly straightforward claim for more

based at abattoirs nationwide, and there was no evidence of any independent, let alone predominant, desire to injure any of the plaintiffs at whose

premises they worked.
In any event, by virtue of section 16 of the 1974 Act, the court was precluded from grant-ing any injunction to prevent a breach of a contract of employ-ment or compet an employee to

attend work.

It followed that the injunction could not be maintained on either of the unlawful means relied on for torts 1 and 2. The plaintiffs' case under tort 3 also failed in the light of his Lordship's finding that there, was no arguable case under means (a) of breach of statutory dory, actual or threese Solicitors: W. Donglas Clark, Brookes & Co. West Bromwich;

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Sentencing during parole

Harold) Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and

[Reasons November 20]

A person who had been released on licence under sec-tion 60(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, and sentenced to imprisonment in respect of another offence during the cur-rency of the parole licence, was not entitled, under section 62(10), to be granted purole, should the sentencing court revoke that licence, within one

The Court of Appeal (Crim-inal Division) so held when giving reasons for its order on October 24 that the revocation of the appellant's parole licence by Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC, oo April 30, 1986, at Southwark Crown Court, be quasted. The appellant had pleaded gailty to conspiracy to obtain property by descention and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. The sentence imposed in September

Mr Chester Beyts, assigned by the registrar of Criminal Ap-peals, for the appellant, Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that between May 1984 and January 1985 the appellant committed the offence

Exchange of medical reports

Graham v Watt-Smyrk and Foster v Merton and Sutton Health Authority Izod v Same

Thomas v North-West Surrey Health Authority Ikamelo v Newham Health

The High Court had a dis-cretion under Order 38, rule 38 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to order the disclosure and exchange of expert evidence in actions for personal injuries where the pleadings contained allegations of medical negsuch actions from the scope of the similar discretion conferred by Order 38, rule 37, which was headed "Expert evidence in actions for personal impries", was not to be construed as impliedly excluding such actions from the scope of rule 38, which was headed "Expert ev-

Mr Justice Tedor Evans so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 24, when giving judgment in open court in six appeals heard in ters oo applications under Order 38, rule 36 for directions as to the exchange of expert evidence.

mouths' imprisonment for of-fences committed in December 1984, and was released on licence on March 4, 1986 (which licence would have expired on August 9, 1986). The appellant was not in breach of his parole licence when it was revoked, and the revocation was made by virtue of section 62(7) of the 1967 Act which made it clear that a court which made it clear that a court might revoke a parole licence where a conviction, as opposed to an offence, took place during

the period of parole.

It would no doubt in many cases rightly be felt to be illogical that a person should be "re-leased on licence" in respect of one offence and at the same time be in prison in respect of

What was sometimes overlooked was the consequence of such revocation as provided in section 62(10) of the 1967 Act. There were two possible inter-

prevent the appellant from being granted parole within one year of the revocation in respect of any sentence imposed on

The narrower construction would mean that the person whose licence had been revoked could not for the period of on

"septenced and naroled, but might be paroled in respect of any other sentence which had The court considered the

literally and in the clear and easily understandable broader ng that the embargo on any further parole during the one-year period was not con-fined to the sentence in respect of which the revoked parole licence had been imposed.

If that was likely to result in court not to exercise the op-tional power of revocation when an offender was convicted and sentenced to a second term of

imprisonment, despite the apparent illogicality.

In the present case, the appel. lant had committed no offence while on parole, be had comrevocation standing, since the effect would be to make him during the currency of his second term of imprisonment. Although circumstances simi-lar to the present case were

Truth-drug evidence is inadmissible in court

Fennell v Jerome Property was something inherently with admitting such evidence Before Mr Justice Tucker

[Judgment November 21] As a matter of principle, evidence produced by the administration of a mechanically or chemically or hypnotically or chemically or hyphot-cally induced test on a witness so as to show the veracity or otherwise of that witness was not admissible in an English

court of law. Mr Justice Tucker so held in the Queen's Bench Division during the course of an inter-locatory application by counsel for the plaintiff for the admission of evidence relating to truth drug tests.

Mr Richard Slowe for the plaintiff, Mr Richard Davies for

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that what was proposed was the questioning of a witness, a distinguished consultant, as to whether he had conducted certain tests on the plaintiff by the administering of some chemical to him which thereby dispossessed him of his conscious will to seek to deceive.

such evidence had been available to parties to litigation: it had occurred not only in civil but also criminal cases, but

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likely to be rare, the sentencing court in deciding whether to revoke a parole licence would have two questions to decide first, what would be the consequences of revocation in the The wider construction would were those consequentified?

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the veracity or otherwise of any Furthermore, to adduce such evidence, even if it was favourable to the plaintiff, would have the plain result of statements; the law had always stood out against such state-ments being given in evidence.

For those reasons, the effect of such evidence, were it to be admitted, would be a distortion of the normal process of trial: see Cross on Evidence, 6th edition (1985) p269. Even without the reference to Cross, his Lordship's own view was against the admissibility of

such evidence. The ruling was confined strictly to one of principle, and did not extend to the reliability or unreliability of Solicitors: Somers & Co, West aling, Blount Petre & Co.

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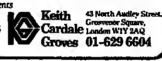


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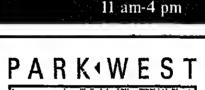
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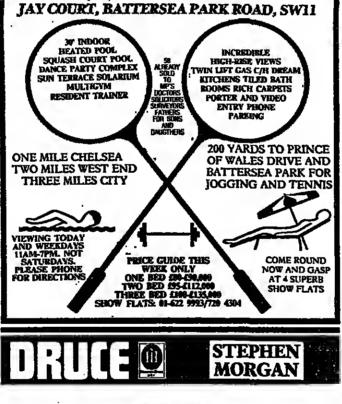
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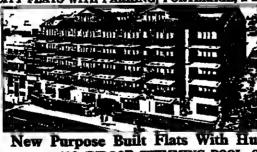
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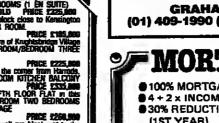
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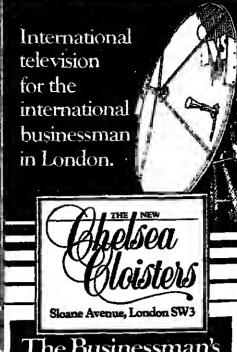
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cindes two reception rooms and three bedrooms, with a central galleried landing. The property, in 1.75 acres, could

Cotswolds attracting speedy house sales

also be used as an art gallery or antique centre. Mortimers of Mariborough are asking £157,000. In Little Salkeld, Penrith, Cumbria,

three conversions of huildings at Salkeld Hall are for sale. The Coachhouse, originally the very basic quarters of the coachman to the Hall, is entered by a door under the archway and has a sittingroom/kitchen and two hedrooms on two floors. Outgoings, including heating and maintenance, are about £1,000 a year. Price: £37,000.

The Hayloft, formerly the hayloft over the main four-bay stables, also has a sitting-room/kitchen and two bedrooms and, like the Coachhouse, has plenty of exposed beams. Outgoings are similar and the price is £35,000.

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Is it that weathered golden stone, that rolling countryside, that back-in-time ambience or simply the nearby presence of royalty and pop stars that is making the Cotswolds the townies' pastoral paradise? Whatever the reason, cottages with "scope for improvement" like 200-year-old Wanderwell, above, at Lower Oddington, Moreton-in-Marsh, are in great demand — even at £70,000 ples

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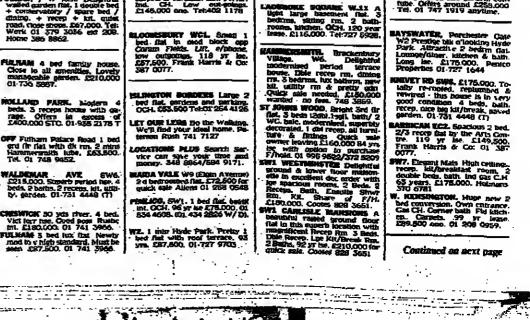
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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26 1986 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

Fifteen flats for £5 million

Behind the Imposing fisted frontage of the former Debenham and Freebody department store in Wigmore Street, London W1, has risen what is believed to be the first purpose-built apartment block in the area for at least 20 years. It is the second stage of a redevelopment by Ladbroke Group Properties, who let the 65,000 sq ft office content in August to a Banque Parihes subsidiery. August to a Banque Paribas subsidiary. Adjust to a canque Panbas subsidiery.

The 15 apartments of one and two bedrooms, with two penthouse of two and three bedrooms, range in price from £155,000 to £895,000 with a total value of more than £5 million. Entered through a marble-lined foyer in Welbeck Street, designed by David Hicks International, the enartments have fulls fitted tickbase. the apartments have fully-fitted kitchens and private car parking at £20,000 a space. The apartments have 99-year leases; sole agent is Keith Cardale

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Il Portpatrick harbour near Strantaer in the west of Scotland, a favourite hau of 17th and 18th century amugglers, is for sale. The picturesque harbour, including several buildings, has potential as a marina, according to the agents, Bidwells of Cambridge, and Kannett Ryden and Partners of Glasgow. Price: £30,000.

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Energy-saver The Round House at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, one of the most innovative houses built for the Energy World Exhibition, is for sale at £199,950 through John H. James' local new homes office. One of 50 houses built for the exhibition, the conical shape minimizes the external surface area to increase its energy efficiency. It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms around a spiral staircase, a swimming pool and conservatory. The same agent is setting two other exhibition homes — a low-energy, traditional four-bedroom house built by Broseley Homes, incorporating energy-efficient copper-based heating products, at £165,000, and the three-bedroom house developed by Constructive Individuals as part of a

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Don't knock the Docks

Prices in London's Docklands continue financial centre, when it comes to to delight developers and estate agents, astonish outsiders and cause potential buyers to dig deep into their pockets. While house prices elsewhere appear to be stabilizing after soaring this year, particuarly in Londoo and the South-East, records continue to be broken in Docklands.

A 2.35-acre site at Lawrence Wharf in Rotherhithe on the south bank of the Thames has been sold for residential development at £1.4 million an acre, which is claimed as the highest price yet for a development site in the Docklands. The sellers are Lawrence Wharf Ltd; the buyers ISLEF UK Ltd, a Danish-based property company.

Outline planning consent provides for 108 habitable rooms an acre, which, translated, means 56 flats of one to three bedrooms and 40 maisonettes with two or three bedrooms. The agreement provides for a riverside walk and full public access to the Nelson Dock.

William Beadles, partner of the Howell Brooks agency, commented: "The location is outstanding. Lawrence Wharf is on the eastern side of Rotherhithe, just beyond the Surrey Docks, and has the added advantages of an extensive river frootage and an adjacent public park. The purchase price reflects both this and mocotiog demand throoghout Docklands."

The completion of this development is in the future; meanwhile two new developments are for sale. Cascades is a development by Kentish Homes at Westferry Road on the Isle of Dogs, which brings back the tower block to east London. Twenty storeys high, it is aimed at the international community and high earners working in the City and even-tually at Canary Wharf, the alternative

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Free Trade Wharf, centred on two

Georgian warehouses originally built by the East India Company for storing saltpetre, in Limehouse, is the latest development to come on the market from Regalian Properties, who have other schemes in Docklands, and are closely involved in inner-city revitalization. Regalian is also the leading sponsor for the Building Communities con-ference in London, which opens tomor-row with a speech from Prince Charles.

There will be about 350 apartments, with boutiques, restaurants, a gymna-sium and swimming pool. The first phase of 171 oew bomes starts from £120,000 for a one-bedroom apartment. Two-bedroom units will range from £165,000 (one bathroom) to £205,000 (two bathrooms) and a three-bedroom, three-bathroom apartment will be £275,000. Prices for apartments in the original refurbished 18th-century warehouses will be released shortly.

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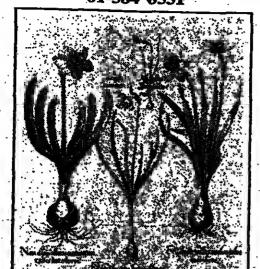
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RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS GAMBLE AS UNAVAILABILITY CREATES GAPS

Bath and Wasps make all the running in divisional games



Nine outsiders get the regional call

By Ian McLauchlan

North and Midlands call upon nine players who compete in the first division outside their region for their opening game in the McEwan's district championship against Anglo-Scots at Richmond.

The team's strength lies mainly in the back row of Bryce, Leckie and Henry Edwards. All

three are non-stop workers but they will need quicker support truly effective.

Behind the scrum the experi-ence of Marshall and Brian Edwards will be needed in defence and attack, although Murray, at full back, proved their most potent attacking weapon against Japan.

Edinburgh have made changes in their side to play Glasgow at Meggatland innight. Doug Wyllie, the Stewart's-Melville stand-off half, and Scott Hastings, the young Watsonians centre, have withdrawn with foot and knee ligament injuries respectively. Paton (Edinburgh Academicals) and Kennedy (Watsoniaus) replace them.

Sinart Johnston, the Watsonians scrum half, and his understudy, Julian Scott, of Stewart's Melville, have with-drawn also and are replaced by Hali (Boroughmuir) and Mac-Donald (Musselburgh). Glasgow have lost Duncan,

injury, Munro switches flanks to allow Manning his Ayr team colleague, to fill the left-wing The Scottish international referecing panel will remain

Davies the Sole deputy
David Sole, the Scottish loose Guscott and Blackett play in the

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Marino throws spanner

in the Jets' works

head prop, has not recovered from a shoulder injury in time to play for Bath in their John Smith's Merit Table A game against Glaucester at the Recreation Ground this evening. Recreation Ground this evening. Sole did the damage last Thurs-day and will doubtless hope to be able to play on Saturday for the Anglo-Scots in the inter-district championship, (David Hands

writes).

His Bath place goes to Ian
Davies, who had a spell with
Gosforth before returning south.
Palmer, Trevaskis and Sagoe
are all also suffering injuries, so

It did not take a pair of flash

cops in pastel suits in realize that the New York Jets were

caught in a Miami vise on Monday night: Dan Marino was

throwing passes like nobody's business and his team-mates on

defense were stifling New York's assault with uncha-

As a result, the Dolphins stunned the Jets 45-3 to halt

New York's run of nine consec-

utive wins. The Jets, who

entered the game with the best record in the National Football

League, fell to 10-2, one victory ahead of New England in the

Marino completed 29 of 36 passes for 288 yards, including four touchdown tosses (nnc, 22, one and 21 yards). He has thrown 31 touchdown passes this season, the most in the

The Dolphins, who started with the NFL's second worst running attack, gained 189 yards against the league's top-rated defense against the run. Three of the Jets' four regular defensive linemen did not play because of injury. Hampton, of the Dol-

racteristic aplomb.

unchanged next season, B Anderson (Currie), J Fleming (Boroughmuir) and R Megson (Edinburgh Wanderers) having been reselected.

Fleming will take charge of the England-France match at Twickenham and Megson will officiate in Cardiff when Eng-land are the visitors. All three panel members have been asked the World Cup in Australia and

Two of Scotland's inter-nationals, one away to France and one at home against Wales, will be referred by a New Zealander, whose name has yet to be announced. He will travel to Scotland from Paris and in his two weeks here he will be in charge of a district under-21 match, a schools match and a McEwan's National League game before officiating at Murrayfield.

Gordon Anderson has retired gs a first division panel referee as he now works in London. His place has been filled by J Johnston, of the Gala YM Club. The South of Scotland fixture with New Zealand Barbarians at Netherdale has been rearranged from Seaton of the Machine 28 of the Seaton of the Se

from Saturday, March 28 Sunday, March 29.

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threequarters against a Gionces-ter side who continue to field Grest, the former St Mary's Hospital lock, and Etheridge in the second row in the absence, through injury, of Brain and Scrivens.

Hannaford, the England squad scrum-half, is among the Gloucester replacements after recovering from knee and ankle injuries sustained in September. He played for his local junior club, Old Cryptians, at the weekend, and came through miscathed.

phins, who gained 148 yards, scored on a 54-yard sprint and added two one-yard plunges in the first half. The win was

Miami's first against a team who

"We did a lot of things right,

"We did a lot of things right,"
Marino said. "We beld onto the
ball and kept it away from their
nifense. When they did get the
ball, the defense did a good job
and took it away."
Reveix, the Miami kicker,
cootributed nine points with six
conversions and a field goal.

Mike Ditka, the coach of the
Chicago Bears, said that it was

Chicago Bears, said that it was "very unlikely" that McMahon, the quarterback, would be able

to play again this season because of the seriousness of a nagging shoulder injury. A late hi by Martin, the Green Bay nose

by warth, his Oreal hay not be tackle, nn Sunday aggravated MeMahon's injury.

Ditka said that Thruczak would be McMahon's immediate replacement and that Flutie,

the winner of the 1984 Heisma

Trophy as the leading college player, would be given a more prominent role in the cluh's effort to retain the Super Bowl

Two clubs dominate the from David Cooke, who did

first two divisional teams to be announced for the Thorn EMI championship which beins on December 6: Bath fill 13 places in the South-West side to play the North at Blundelisands and Wasps offer 12 men to the London side which will meet the divisional champions, the Midlands, at the Wasps It is not surprising. Bath

have confirmed their standing as England's premier club this season while Wasps, alongside Leicester, Nottingham and Harlequins, are in the pack yapping at their heels. Even so there are gambles in both divisional trams, largely because of injury coupled with impavailability. as England's premier club this

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The South-West, so disappointing in last season's championship, have asked David Egerton to play No. 8 though he has played so little this season bis form is completely unknown. But with Paul Simpson included in the North's squad and Mike Teague making himself un-available, their options were limited unless they chose to play John Hall at No. 8 (as land did when they took a B team to Italy in May). That possibility was dis-

cussed but Egerton, aged 25, who has been plagued by back trouble most of this year, was given the place after three econd-team appearances for Bath and a hard-working evening when the squad gathered for preparation last week.

Otherwise selection for the Sonth-West was comparatively straightforward; Martin, who has played well this season, is preferred to the coltish but very promising Webb at full back and Mogg, the old campaigner who appears at much at centre for Gloucester these days as he does on the wing, plays outside Knibbs.

Injuries have helped dictate London's selection, which will be captained by Colin Pinnegar. He led the London side which beat Paris at the end of last season and takes over

divisional rugby. The Harle-quins flanker acknowledges that he has no part in England's team building and prefers, therefore, to concentrate on club rugby. Maurice Colclough has also led the divisional side but he has apparently contracted mumps from his baby daughter and may not be fit to play; it is hoped a decision can be made tomorrow whether he will have recovered or whether John Howe (Saracens) will be

Steve Bates returns at scrum half after one first-team appearance, though the London selectors must have been tempted to pair Simon Smith with his club partner, John Cullen. The other Simon Smith, the Wasps wing, has been asked to play on the left rather than the more familiar right, leaving room for Mark Bailey, which smacks of a heavy hint from the national selectors that they would prefer Bailey to have all the experience possible on that

Stringer, who returns to Wasps' senior side against Gosforth this Saturday after a spell in the seconds following a neck injury, is chosen at full back in the absence through injury of Marcus Rose (Harlequins). Moss, as he did last season, plays blind-side flanker because Skinner is recovering from a knee operation and Jackson, last season's divisional No. 8, has not recovered from an ankle injury, which leaves room for Mark Rose.

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION (v North) (Bath unless stated): C Martin; A Swift, S Halliday, R Knibba (Bristol), R Mogg (Gloucester); S Barnes, R Hit; G Chilcolt, G Dawe, R Lee, J Hell, J Miorison, N Radman, A Robbracon, D Egerton, Replacements: J Webb (Bristol), A Buzza (Loughborough University and Radmith), R Harting (Bristol), P Jones (Gloucester), K Bogira (Bristol), A Dun (Bristol), LONDON DIVISION (v Midlands) (Wasps unless stated), N Subrager, M Belloy, R Lozuwski, J Salmon (Hartequins), S T Smith; S R Smith (Fichmond), S Batter, P W Fletcher (Harlequins), J Cul. mond), P Essenhigh (Blackheett (Harlequins)

Non-capping ceremony By David Hands

Four internationals have row goes to John Orwin, capped indrawa from M R Steele-seven times by England in 1985. withdrawn from M R SteeleBodger's XV, who play the
annual forture with Cambridge
University at Grange Road
today, Two Wasps, both former
denizens of Cambridge, Rob
Andrew and Kevin Simms,
have lee injuries: Strart Wilson have leg injuries; Stuart Wilson, once of Wellington and now of Harlequins, has a broken finger, and Jeremy Campbell-Lamerton, the London Scot, has a bruised shoulder.

Their replacements evoke considerable interest. It is a point of policy by Mickey Steele-Bodger not to over-face the students. Thus today's mid-field tip over the students. field trio are all uncapped if by no means short of promise: Guy Leleu (London Welsh) partners Charlie Smith (Harlequins) at (Swansea) plays at stand-off

Clement was a Welsh youth cap last season and has played regularly in a successful Swansea side this season, either at stand-off or centre. Smith is unlucky to miss divisional selection and the stand-off or centre. tion and Leleu has become a dependable and frequently exciting member of the Exiles' back division.

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• Ulster make two changes from the side that defeated Leinster on Saturday for tonight's match against the Fiji Barbarians at Ravenhill, Belfast (George Ace writes). Colin Wil-kinson is at full back for Pullip Rainey and John Rogers takes nver at lock for Colin Morrison.
Rainey has an injured back
and Morrison's shoulder is giv-

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drug abuse."

The suspension imposed on the 15 culprits shows that the UIPMB means husiness and, relative to quality of competitor. exceeds in its severity the suspensions given m 16 athletes

After the most dramatic drugs after the Pan-American Games clean-out in sporting history an of 1983.

in a message to all members the day after 15 leading competitors, including Anatoliy Starostin, the world champion,

Velizar Iliev, of Bulgaria, the world junior champion, and Svetlana Yakovleva, the women's world champion of 1984, were amnng those banned. It is unlikely that any of them will return in competition since the sport depends on honing each discipline in the

company of the best.

Nine of the accused took the opportunity in appear in Stockholm at the "trial" conducted on Monday.

Why so many competitors chose to gamble on beating the drug controls at the world championships in Italy invites speculatinn. A British suggestion is that many of the culprits had been misled after the 100 per cent drugs control imposed

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By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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They will be worn by the immeosety experienced rider Tim Thomson Jones and carried by Bundle Boy whn, like so many of the Duchess's good jumpers, spent his formative years io Ireland.

It was there that he won at Gowran Park last season when trained by Edward O'Grady. Now he is at Letcombe Bassett io the care of Tim Furster who helped mastermiod Last Suspect's victory at Aintree. Running for the first time

for his oew trainer at Tnwcester a firmight ago, Bundle Boy did well until he began in tire after jumping the second-last feoce. At the end he was beateo ten lengths by the race-fit Gulden Minstrel tn whom he was trying to con-

Going: soft

1.00 Beechwood Cottage 1.30 Castle Talbot 2.00 Mister Donut.

That, I suggest, was a pretty Westminster's yellow and fair performance for one who black racing colours, which was arguably in need of a race were made famous by the as Golden Minstrel was as hard as nails having won his previous race at Huntingdon

comfartably. In the circumstances, I rate Bundle Boy a good bet in give weight and a beating to his len rivals this afternoon, headed by two who have wan on the cnurse before, Sointulla Boy and Takeafence.

Like Bundle Boy, Sointulla Boy will also be fitter for his first race of the season at Wnlverhamptoo where he was beaten a dozeo lengths by

Takeafence has won a similar race at Ludlow already this season wheo he was also ridden by Marcus Armytage. But he was getting a stone from the runner-up J-J Henry that day. I reckon that Bundle Boy should be capable of beating him on these terms and he is my nap.

His stable companino Echo Sounder also has a good chance of winning the Ludford Handicap Chase at his best, and by best I mean

.30 Debbies Prince.

... C Srows

Dale McKeown (7)

92 41 -- 8-1 98 --

95

__ F5-2

96 5-1

93 12-1 85 F2-1

__ K Burke (4) __ 3-1 __ G McCourt • 99 8-1

2.15 Golden Redeemer

M. Caswall

P. Holley (7)

S. Mitchell (7)

... C Smith 91 10-1 ... C Marm 95 3-1 M Pitman - 8-1

N Davies @ 99 F5-2

2.45 Maladiction. 3.15 Socks Downe.

3.00 Maitredee. 3.30 Golden Croft.

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 2.00 Doubleuagain, 3.00 MAITREDEE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GOLDEN CROFT.

1985: FRIENDS FOR EVER 11-1 R Goldstein (16-1) J Ffitch-Heyes 13 ran

FORM BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (10-10) was running on at the death when 141 3rd to Arrow Express (10-6) at Wordsor (2m 30y, 8810, good, Nov 8, 20 ran) with FORWARD MOVE (10-3) never a factor. HOME OR AWAY very discopointing last two starts ofter previous (10-3) 151 2rd to Melendez (11-1) at Devon (2m 11, 2710, good, Sept.) a rani. PRECIOUS LINK (10-0) was never regrer than at the line when 46 6th to Astral (10-5) here (2m, 2685, good to soft, Nov 10, 17 ran) with DANCING BALLERINA (10-2) atways behind in 9th and RHODE ISLAND RED (10-7) even further away.

1.30 ASTAIRE STOCKBROKER NOVICE CHASE (£1,644: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

O ASTAIRE STOCKBROKER NOVICE CHASE (£1,544: 2ff 41) (13 Idials)
1 0-13212 CASTLE TALBOT (CD) (Mes y Markowiak) J Long 9-11-13 R Goldstein
2 04-F022 ANSWER TO PRAYER (J Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-6 C Brown
400000/ ANEX (T Hayward) Mrs N Smith 9-11-3 C Brown
6 F0004-0 ARENT WE ALL (T Thorn) J Bridger 7-11-3 Mr T Grantham (4)
6 COMPTON BOY (R Claments) C Holtoes 10-11-3 Mr T Grantham (4)
7 G3P1-10 EPRYAMA (R Begnard) Mrs C Reavey 6-11-3 G McCourt
1 4340/0-0 INFELDER (F Taylor) A Majore 7-11-3 IN Moore
3 0P1402P- PALMERSTON (M Medgwick) M Medgwick 7-11-3 A Madgwick
4 01004-F ROYAL HARBOUR (B Leaver) I Sterwood 8-11-3 C C Cox (4)
8 49002-0 TOPHATTER (M String) R Hodges 8-11-3 B Pownil

1985: CHOICE OF CRITICS 9-11-8 R Rowe (7-4) R Alestrurst 9 ran

FORM CASTLE TALBOT, 2nd here tast time, previously beat Aberry (11-5) also at Plumpton (3m 1f, £1530, good, Oct 28, 9 ran). ANSWER TO PRAYER (11-1) came with a late run to beat St Colme (11-12) a length at Hexham (2m, 5861, good to firm, Soct 8, 5 ran). ARENT WE ALL ran as though in need of race on seasonal debut. Beat enfort less season (11-3) at 44 th to Materdeer (1-3) at Plumpton (2m, £2129, good to firm, May 2, 15 ran). BOYNE SALMON fell a couple of days ago at Folkestone, prior to that (10-7) ¼! 2nd to Autumn Zulu (11-6) at Folkestone (2m, £1280, soft, Apr 29, 7 ran). EPRYANA'S win (10-12) was on seasonal debut at Fonkestone at 100 year, £1500, good, Nov 4, 6 ran) beating Cumrew (10-13) 1¼!. Selection: ANSWER TO PRAYER

Course specialists

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 Bundle Boy.

1.0 NOVEMBER NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: Div I; £685; 2m) (15 runners)

EMBEH ROVICE HUNDLE (3-Y-0): DIV I, 1000.

43 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (A Bailey) A Bailey 10-10 ...

40 CRAMMING IM'S C Perions) W Kemp 10-10 ...

41 PORWARDS MOVE (A Lawson) O Wilson 10-10 ...

42 PORWARDS MOVE (A Lawson) O Wilson 10-10 ...

43 BEECHWOOD CRAWAY (R Bailer) J N Baiser 10-10 ...

46 ICARO (B) (T Srady) N Calaghan 10-10 ...

47 OCEAN TRADER (A Mulfings) R Smyth 10-10 ...

48 OPRECIOUS LINK (E GOODY) W G M Turner 10-10 ...

49 OPRECIOUS LINK (E GOODY) W G M Turner 10-10 ...

49 OR RECEIVE BE AND RED LI British A Modern 10-10 ...

O RHORE BLAND RED (J Bruton) A Moore 10-10...
O STADIA PUBLICITY (J Bruton) A Moore 10-10...
O DANCING BALLERINA (M Bolton) M Bolton 10-5...

SINDUR (N.S.) Skepper ID Funger 10-5

18 4002-9 TOPHATTER (M. Shine) R Hodges 8-11-3
17 400000- UNCLE DAI (E Treacy) J Bridger 7-11-3
18 F0800-P FIDELISHT (Mars O Bravery) C Bravery 8-10-12
19 P GLENBANE LADY (N Buckkern) R Parker 5-10-12
20 04/PF-F ROMACINA (J Mooney) J Elliott 6-10-12

12.45 Tinsel Rose.

1.45 Fishpond.

Going: good to firm

1.15 BUNDLE BOY (nap).

12.45 CRAVEN ARMS SELLING HURDLE (£846: 2m) (19 runners)

1.15 COURT OF HILL HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £1,466; 3m) (11 runners)

1.45 HALFORD NOVICE HURDLE (£1,007: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

SHANDARORA (Mrs. A Holly) O Holly 4-10-7

1985: (3-Y-O) FREERACER 10 7 J Frost (3-1 jt-fav) S Harris 13 ran Course specialists

that decisive win at Chepstow first time out.

However, he gave a disappointing performance subsequently at Leicester nine days ago when he was beaten seven lengths by Numerate. So in this instance I prefer Socks Downe whn ran well at Windsor on his seasonal debut

to finish within three lengths nf Geata an Uisce. My selectinn, whn is an habitual froot runner, will be much better suited by the shorter distance The best bet at Plumpton

should be Castle Talbot to win the Astaire Stuckbroker Navices' Chase The tight South Sussex

track has never been easy for seasoned chasers let alone beginners. So all credit to Castle Talbot whn has won twice there already besides running so well on his last start against the useful Midnight Madness.

Mister Doout and Doubleugain, second and third, respectively, behind Rogairio at Windsor last time, meet again in the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Trophy on the same terms.



Floyd (above) is 13-2 favourite with the sponsors for Saturday's Mecca Bookmakers Handi-cap Hurdle at Sandown. Other prices: 7 Juven Light, 8 Ballydarrow, 11 Chryssor

Guide to our in-line racecard

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Sto-Squre and distance winner. EF-besten tavourtie in latest form (F-feit. P-putled up. U-unsested fider. B-brought down. S-e8poed up. R-refused). None's weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times name (B-brankers, V-visor, H-hood, E-Eyeshied, C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course price. 2.0 PETER CAZALET MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2.012)

	1f) (8 run	ners)	(
2	PF21/40	ROUND THE TWIST (CO.BF) (A Ross) II Oughton 10-12-1 P Double	_	10-1
3	13143-0	BROWN VEIL (CD) (Mrs A Laws) R Armytage 11-11-6 Miles G Armytage (7)		7-2
4	437-402	MISTER DONUT (E Swaffield) R Hodges 8-11-3	56	5-1
5	232100-	MERCY LESS (CD) (Mrs M Master) M Botton 7-11-2 R Goldstein	96	5-1
7	PPG-403	COLONEL CHRISTY (CD) (R Keen) H O'Neil 11-10-9 G McCourt	99	5-1
9	P-P3004	CELATOR (C) (P Brawer) I Words 8-10-7	91	12-1
10	8030-03	C Cox (4)		F 3 -1
11	3005-00	GREENORE PRICE (Andrew Baird Termis Courts Ltd) P Burgoyne 8-10-4 P Burton	34	14-1
		the analysis of the same of th		

1985: CROWNING MOMENT 10-10-0 X Mooney (9-4) I Wardle 5 ran FORM ROUND THE TWIST, a five time occurse and distance winner, has needed lest two runs after a lengthy lay-oft. In 1984/85 (11-8) an easy 15 winner here from Revolver (10-1) on firm ground. (Im 11, £1725, May 21, 5 ran). NERCY LESS (10-2) was a heavy ground 8 winner from Membridge (10-3) have lest season (3m 11, £1932, Apr 21, 9 ran) with RROWNEW VEL. (19-2) 8' further back in 3rd and MISTER DONNT (11-7) prominent when falling. Last time MISTER DONUT (11-1) 6' 2nd to Regain (10-10) at Windoor (2m, £1537, good to soft, Nov 21, 7, 11 ran) with DOUBLEYCHAGAIN (10-4) only 3d back in 3nd of MISTER DONNT (10-6) plugged on into 3rd when 3kl behind Regards (10-3) at Stanton (3m 27, 22714, good, Nov 8, 11 ran). DELATON (10-13) was well backed lest time finishing 9 kl 4th to Todor Road (10-10) at Taunton (3m 11, £2378, good to soft, Nov 20, 10 ran).
Selection: COLONEL CHRISTY
2.30 STANNEER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£749: 2m)

(10 runners) 22-9391 STEANY (B,D) (Alies J Reed) 0 Cughton 5-11-7 L Jankims 243-G12 DEBSES PRINCE (Mr. D Bravery) C Bravery 5-10-12 A Rolls 3-01143 MANHATTAN SOY (CD) (J Blackman) J Firsth-Heyes 4-10-12 Penny Fitch-Heyes FF-003 TAME BUCHESS (A Taylor) A Moore 4-10-8 Candy Moore A Rolls # 10 4-1 OP/S-PO STALL OF SPEED (J Scioner) H C'Nell 5-10-4
OP/S-PO FULL OF SPEED (J Scioner) H C'Nell 5-10-4
OP/S-PO FULL OF SPEED (J Scioner) H CONell 5-10-4
ADMONO YAZZED (B) (B Pearce) J Long 5-10-4
OF SONG OF CHENSTRE (Dr N Nigan) A Davison 4-10-4
1586: BEAMENG LASS 6-10-9 E MAID Pry (3-1 fev) G Gracory 10 ram

3.0 CUCKMERE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,040; 2m) (8 runners)

2 PZFT-1 BIATREDEE (CD) (Airs A Water) R Gow 7-11-9 C Brown
4 340404 LULAY (D) (O Picher) O Picher 8-11-7 Bir II Picker
5 140220 Tan BCY (CD) (7 Fry) W Komp 7-11-1 Short 1-11-0 Persy Pilich Heres (7)
6 UPG22 MANSTON MARALIDER (CD) (M Smith) P Hadger 10-11-0 Persy Pilich Heres (7)
7 APF-022 CRESUN (J H Amusements Ltd) Mrs L Clay 7-11-0 J Lovejoy
9 144035 PRINCE MOON (Duke of Athol) G Baiding 8-10-6 A Chartbox (7)
1 RESULT OF COLUMN (J L Letter 2-11-0) Mrs N Ludoer 1985: AKRAM 7-10-4 R Linley (3-1) R Hodges 10 ran

FORM MATTREDEE (18-8) successful on responsance when bearing Latin American (11-2): THE BOY (10-9) lest ploaded over fences when 202 and to Long Engagement (10-9) 181 ploaded over fences when 202 and to Long Engagement (10-9) 181 stration (2 nr. 21900, pood, Oct 18, 6 ran). MARISTON MALIRAMEDER (16-0) 30 2nd to Whiskay Eyes (11-0) at Kampton (2 nr. 41, 52002, good to sorth, Nov 20, 7 ran). CRESUR (10-1) had fittle chance with the warner win 12 2nd to Romany Right-strate (12-3) at Windsor (2 nr. 51852, good, Nov 8, 5 ran). PRIFECE MOON (10-0) 754 3rd to Avming (16-0) at Windsor (2 nr. 51315, good to soft, Nov 17, 8 ran). SHOTAING (10-0) well beaten when 6th to Bouspeter (11-4) at Kempton (2 nr. 51352, good, Nov 8, 10 ran).

Selection: MANTON MARAMDER

3.30 NOVEMBER NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: Div II: £685: 2m) (15 runners)

21104	RSSOVINO (T Pearce) P J Jones 11-8 C Masso	85	8-1
310	MER WHAT'S HIS MAKE (CO) (P Hopkins) G Swight 11-1	84	8-1
F	DOWNTOWN BROWN (G Swire) Mrs N Smith 10-10	_	_
	FLEET FOOTED (P Haynes) P Haynes 10-10 A Webb	_	4-1
	GANOON (Mrs R Morris) J Jenkins 10-10 S Sherwood		_
	GEX (Venture Chemical Products Ltd) R Aliahurst 10-10 Date McReown (7)	90	5-1
02	GOLDEN CROFT (G Johnson) N Henderson 10-10 5 Smith Eccles	● 99 8	F7-2
4	MIGHT MOVE (Hotray Builders Ltd) M Pipe 10-10 P Scuriemore	-	5-1
	QUATRLT (N Chargon) J H Baker 10-10. C Brown	_	10-1
	RAVELSTON (Nrs M Bowden) J Honeybell 10-10 A James		_
40	SENIGN DAMIAN (B Burn) W II M Turner 10-10	_	_
0	SIT IN THE DARK (S Leiworthy) R Hoad 10-10 M Hoad (7)	_	_
04	TURN FOR THE SETTER (V) (L Quick) J F-Heyes 10-10 _ Permy Fresh-Hoyes (7)	_	_
0	WING BEE (A Speaks) J Bridger 10-10	_	
40P	SPEER CLASS (B Pearce) J Long 10-5	_	_
	1985: FOUR SPORT 10-5 R Rows (33-1) A Pitt 11 ran	•	

2.15 CHARTER HARDWARE NOVICE CHASE (£1,487: 2m) (14) LUDLOW

		CONCOU	DUTOUS (1 OBIL U DISTON S-11-A"	_
	2	03010-P	COMMANGET CLEANERS (B) (C Brotherton) C Vernon Miler 5-11-0 X Mooney	15-1
	3	FPO4C U	DOUBLE BARREL (W McKenzie-Coles) W M-Coles 10-11-0 NON-FRANCER	
1	5	OUIGE-00	GOLDEN REDEEMER (Mrs E Miss) R Francis 8-11-0	81 7-2
ı	ō	F0400F/	HANDY GRAT (G Cantrill) B Cambridge 5-11-0 Mr J Cambridge (4)	
1			MAERIGA (M Barraclough) M Barraclough 7-11-0	
1	12	2/44P0-F	HOBLE BLADE (R Lambert) A Nighsingale 7-11-0 M Caswell	12-1
1			PUCKA PADDY (E McKerzie-Coles) W McKerzie-Coles 9-11-0 M Richards	
1	15	POP-OP	SAMPS FRIEND (B) (Mrs B Suchenek) Mrs J Berrow 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs	
l	16	001404-	SOLITARIO (M Parsons) B Preson 5-11-0 T Walt	B-1
ı	10	244004-	SPERIAMO (Lady More) Mrs W Syless 7-11-C S Morshood	839 41
ı	16	OUUSP-0	CANTABLE (Lady S Brooks) Lady S Brooks 7-10-6 Jacquel Oliver (7)	93 10-1
ı	20	3220-F3	GO ANNA GO (T Boiley) T Bailey 5-10-8	85 F3-1
1	21	OOF-400	HOPEFUL CHINES (Mrs J Duckett) R Dicker 7-10-8	5-1
ı			1985: WFI SH CAX 5-11-7 R Famshaw 5-21 D Gardotto 7 ren	

-		ERTON NOVICE HURDLE (2885: 2m) (18 runners)	IN Market	-	_
1	002000	DISCOVER GOLD (D) (Ashley Harrison Ltd) X Bridgweter 5-11-7	di merendani	-	
5	000-	BELLION MELCOY (F Philips) A Brisbourne 4-11-0	" III DOMOGUM	_	
6	P	BONNA COLINO (C Clarks) P Davis 4-11-0		_	
9		DUNNY'S LUCK (F Clegg) O Berons 4-11-0		_	12-1
11		DUSTY PATROL (L Bevan) J Coiston 4-11-0	4 Suthern	_	_
19		KATE'S PRIDE (F Hamar) Miss R Hamar 4-11-0	SJONeil	_	_
20	4	KING NECKOD (D Graham) N Gassiee 4-11-0 M		97	3-1
21		MERRY TON (W Price) W Price 8-11-0		_	_
22	D-4	OWN UP (D Fauliner) R Whiteley 4-11-0	M Bronning	87	8-1
23	000-	PILHY (P Harris) R Brazington 4-11-0	C Smith	_	_
26		REGAL STEEL (Steel Plate & Sections) R Hollinshead 8-11-0	P Dever	54	10-1
31	- 00	SMITHY'S CHOICE (B) (A Sirchall) Mrs A Hewitt 4-11-0	H William	_	_
32	24P-00	SUPREME CHARTER (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pilman 5-11-0_	M. Pikrakii	99	5-1
33		TES ECBERT (B Moore) J M Bradley 4-11-0	G Device	_	_
39		HALADICTION (Mrs II Galt) Mrs M Rimel 5-10-9	_ S Worshood	95	F5-2
41	-	MINI PIE (Miss S Sether) Miss S Sether 12-10-9		_	_
		SWEETWATER LASS (B Lawls) M Eckley 4-10-9		-	12-1
43					
44	60	THE GCLF SLIDE (D Cooper) Mrs A Kright 4-10-8		_	
		1985: GOLDEN REDEEMER 7-11-0 P Warner (9-1) Mrs W Syke	\$ 17 EE		

3.15 LUDFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,766: 2m 4f) (11 runners)		
1 1P4F0-3 SOCKS DOWNE (C Cowley) J King 7-71-12	_ S McNell	•
3 F112-13 ECHO SOUNDER (D.BF) (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 7-11-7		

3	F112-13	ECHO SOUNDER (D.BF) (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 7-11-7 N Device	96	F7-2
4	4232-31	LANCONG BOARD (D) (Arts P.W. Harris) P.W. Harris 8-11-5	94	5-1
8	D-02F43	SMART REPLY (Mrs J Hopewell) R Hodges 8-11-0	54	10-1
7	13UPP-4	WALREST WONDER (R Hickman) R Hickman 11-10-12 8 Dowling (7)	*	10-1
0	D1243-F	A BOY NAMED SIGUX (CC) (S Stevens) S Stevens 8-10-8 Peter Hobbs	97	8-1
12	0-62443	COUNTY PLAYER (SF) (Mrs N Knott) C Jackson 8-10-7	_	12-1
3	33P-133	SCOTS NOGGER (CD) (Mrs M Spearing) J Spearing 5-10-3 F Warran	56	6-1
4	191-03P	SLPALONG (BF) (J Reed) P J Jones 9-10-1 C Mana	97	_
6	233416	THE FLOORLAYER (CD) (Beauty Floors Ltd) J H Baker 8-10-0 L Hervey (4)	92	_
8	F/OPDIF-	FETH COLUMN (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 8-10-0	83	_
		1985: THE COUNTY STONE 8-11-3 H Davies (5-4 fav) J Thomas 6 ran		

3.45 EBF	STAKES NH FLAT RACE (£1,125: 2m) (20 runners)
	AL ANDREW COOPER ON AC Institute I Delegate E 40.0

STAKES NA PLAT RACE (E1, 120: 2m) (20 remers)	
11 AUTURE SPORT (D) (C Jankins) J Edwards 5-12-2 S McCrysta	(f) — F4-5
ASHITON EXPRESS (G Chamberlain) A Chamberlain 5-11-2 Br S B	
BALLESTEROS (D Ward-Smith) P Bowden 6-11-2	O
CORRESH SPRING (G RUSey) J Edwards 4-11-2	(7) — 12-1
DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (Bookmast Lin) K Balley 4-11-2 Nes T Bulley	(7) 6-1
DOYLE'S EXPRESS (John Doyle Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-2. J Long	
KONG SEAR (Mrs Y Alcopp) R Dickin 4-11-2	(i) — —
LITLE STYMA (Mrs N Pation) B Pating 4-11-2 11 Tegs	
MANSABA (W Resce) A James 4-11-2	
PRIDE HILL (Mrs B Grons) O Barons 4-11-2	
SALCOMBE (Virs 8 Gittins) () Barons 4-11-2	
TELBIAS IT Pears) W Charles 5-11-2	
THE CHEESENIAN (Mrs C Sheriden) F Sheriden 8-11-2 Hir O Sheriden	
BREDEN GRO. (T Evans) Mrs J Evans 5-10-11 A Hospin	
CHRISTMAS FIREFLT (J C Serry) J C Berry 4-10-11 Ness M Leonard	
DANCING CLARA (N Smith) N A Smith 4-10-11	
FASULOUS MOLLY (J Colston) J Colston 4-10-11. P Reymolds	
MAGGIE MACAW (M Barredough) M Barredough 4-10-11	=
TRAVISCIEN STAR (I Braiey) P Bowden 5-10-11	
WYSINTG (T Casawall) Miss S Bather 4-10-11 S Seet	(n) — —
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tight lipped over his future By Michael Seely

Michael Dickinson spent yes-terday in conference with his solicitors and accountants in London. Before leaving Manton, the man, who was sacked from his position as private trainer on his position as private trainer on the Flat to Robert Sangater on Monday, was not prepared to comment either on the reasons for his dismissal or on what action he is preparing to take

Dickinson's application and edication as he first turned imself into a highly competent templechase rider and then into me of the most talented trainers at the history of jumping has been suite extraordinary. And nez quite extraordinary. And here is no doubt that if time had seen on Sangster's side, Dickin-ou would have made a success.

The clash of personalities is easily understandable. Sangster is warm hearted, gregarious and loves fradiaising with his trainers. Dickinson, on the other hand, is a rather aloof and anstere figure, whose obsersion

Dickinson remains

action he is pro-about his future.
Having known Dickinson for 18 of his 36 years, it is impossible not to feel deeply impossible not to feel deeply sadened by recent developments between the formerly brilliant National Funt operator and the fale of Man-baset millionaire.

years has always to be indexely loyal to his employees.

In fact, his commitment and his relatal to desert his trainers is legendary and Dickinson is the first man employed in that capacity that he has ever sucked.

So, although he has 1,400 houses world-wide, the fact that he had track market has houses world-wide, the nact that
the bloodstock market has
dropped so sharply in the past
two years — the 60 per cent
decline in aggregate at last
Sanday night's food and breeding stock sale at Rill was a
typical example of this — anast
inevitably mean that he can no
longer afford the alarming expense of running Minston while
Dickinson is learning his trade.

Although the Wiltshire estate
is his private property, the fact
that the Hallydoyle, Cochaeve
group of operations, in which
Sangster has such a large stake,
is also going through a lean
period, must also have incressed
the owners worries.

It is also thought that Vernous
Pools, the furnity firm, are
deeply concerned about the
heavy outlay in Wiltshire. It is
alviously for this reason that
Sangster has lost no time in
appointing the experienced
Barry Hills as Dickinson's
replacement.

As for as Dickinson is con-

replacement.

As far as Dickinson is conwith his work is absolute.

Sangster has said that financial pressures are not the main reason for Dickinson's dismissal. But this is hard to believe on two counts. The man who had been Britain's leading owner five times in the past ten

All-weather racing moves step nearer

other interested parties.

Applicants are being asked to submit outline plans to the Jockey Club and the Levy Board by January 31, 1987, when they will be invited to discuss proposals in detail.

The brief covers location,

The Jockey Club's working

December and March

Tim Forster's charge, outsider of the three runners, led throughout the Peterborough Chase, and was left with a clear advantage when the challenging Half Free pecked badly after jumping the last fence.
Forster will now enter Western Sumset for the Kempton spectacular, a race he won with Royal Marshall 11 in 1976. Applicants are being asked to give a short explanation of their Forster said: "This win will have messed up Western Sunser's handicap mark for life. objectives, bearing in mind that the Jockey Club's main concern is to minimise the effect on racing and betting of adverse weather conditions during the He was badly handicapped even before today. He will now run in condition races, and there are winter months. This does not rule out the possibility of all-weather tracks being used at

not many of them." Half Free lost no honour in defeat. He was checked when scraping his nose along the unf in the incident at the last fence, other times of the year. design and layout of the track, facilities, proposed racing surbut was beaten only five lengths.

Von Trappe, again making his
customary jumping errors, was
three lengths further back in
third, but may take on Western face, and the type of hurdles and fences to be used. Another important factor is fixtures, bearing in mind that most

Western

Sunset

aims high

Western Sunset is likely to

Tim Forster's charge, outsider

take on the stars in Kempton's King George VI Chase on Boxing Day following his vic-tory over 11-10 on favourite Half Free at Huntingdon

Sunset again at Kempton. Care initiated a double for the Hywel Davies-Forster partner-ship in the BBC Radio

Cambridgeshire Handicap Chase, and it would have been a columns of owner Simon Sainsbury if Treyford had not fallen at the last when looking all over the winner of the Netherkelly Novices' Chase.

Derby award for Stoute

Michael Stoute has won the International Racing Bureau's Derby Award for leading overseas trainer of 1986. His win and place money total of £960,531 included ten foreign victories four in Ireland, three in Germany, and one each in Canada, France and Italy.

Guy Harwood came within inches of overhauling Stoute when Allez Milord just failed to beat Jupiter Island in Sunday's Japan Cup. Harwood finished with a total of £832,895, John Dunlop £566,900, and Jupiter Island's trainer, Clive Brittain, £542.911.

John Gaines, the inspiration behind the Breeder's Cup series, wins the award for services to international racing.

The prospects of racing on allweather tracks in this country
have improved following
yesterday's Jockey Club
announcement that a brief,
outlining requirements, has
been sent to all racecourses and
other interested parties.

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Interested parties are also being asked to submit a feasibility study, showing estimated costs, proposed funding, and projected income and expenditure figures. However, the Levy Board has deferred for the time, being any decision on

time being any decision on capital support.

A final decision on all-weather tracks will be taken by the Jockey Club and Levy Board after all firm proposals have been considered.

Grant increase

The Levy Board has accepted a recommendation from the Jockey Club stewards that its point-to-point allocation should he increased by 7.5 per cent from the present £136,500 to £146,750 in 1987.

The £16,256 grant increase will apply solely to the host fixture, as the preparation and repair, of courses are the responsibilities of host hunts.

perty recommended that the tracks should be a circuit of at Polish Knight gives Brown training first

Hurdle by a neck from Mister Golden at Wetherby yesterday. Brown had to endure a lengthy stewards' inquiry before it was confirmed that Polish Knight had kept the race after, Guy Landau, who partnered the runner-up, had objected to the winner for taking his ground after the last. after the last.

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As a jockey. Brown amassed 238 winners during a remarkably injury-free career in which he only once chipped an ankle. His big-race winners included Within The Law in the Schweppes and two Arkle Trophies with Clayside and Ryeman. "I have 10 jump horses altogether and will also be applying for a Flat licence," Brown said.

Polish Knight, partnered by David Dutton and wearing blinkers for the first time,

Alan Brown, formerly one of the leading northern jockeys, clayton, director of a wholesale saddled his first winner as a trainer when Polish Knight held on to take the Sheffield Selling It was his first winner and Polish

Knight was bought in for 1,200 Laodao quickly gained consolation for his defeat on Mister Golden when partnering Brother Geoffrey, the odds-on

favourite, to a coovincing two-length victory nver Corker io the Harrogate Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase. Rising Forest, brought down at Leicester last week, swept back to form in the Vaux

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Huntingdon Bolog: good to soft Seleg good to soft 1.0 (2m 5f ch) 1, BROIGEN Write (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 2, Ogden York (B) de Haan, 7-1); 3, Boardinase Valee (J Suthern, 11-1), ALSO RAN: 11-8 tey Treylord (f), 4 Allen Lad (f), 14 Rhymer's Tower (4th), 10 Alshi (Shi), 33 Cooloughter -(J), Coyor (7u), Fada, Rhyding (Shi), Liquer Candy, 12 ran, NR: Curafteir Princese, 20, 41, 51, 251, 30, N Henderson at Limbourn. Tote: \$4.50; £1.60, £2.40, £1.60, DP: £13.40, CSP: £27.52.

1.30 (2m 100 yd hdis) 1, NEPPY CHEPPY (P Scudenore, 2-1 lev); 2, Hallowed (D Chin, 9-2); 3, Trojan God (Perny Fith-Hayes, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 (Penty Fith-Hayes, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 (Penty Fith-Hayes, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 (Penty Fith-Hayes, 5-1). Also Ran: God (Penty Fith-Hayes) (Penty Fith

2.9 (Sm chi 1, CARE (H Davies, 11-8 tav); 2, Hemington (R Durwoody, 4-1); 3, Lacty Rew (B de Haan, 11-4). ALSO FIANt: 7-2 Brown's Star (I), 4 ran, 12, 30, T Forster at Wantaga, Tols: win 22,00, DP: 23.60, CSP: 25.41.

2.50 (2m of 50yd hole) 1, BARA PES (S Shiston, 35-1); 2, Thereile (S Smith Ecoles, 4-11 feyt; 3, Crophen Star (D Shaw, 33-1); ALSO RAN; 8 Mary Kane ITSrien (5th), Wessax Healt (put, 14 Rose On (put), Shermago (t), 20 Cells Germule (6th), Turrkin, 33 Bellyennegh, Celtic Stam, Chuckling Lady, Entmentizer (pit), Porthester Run (4th), 14 ran, NR; Great Auri Sally, 61, 3, 151, 8 Belleteney at Devizis, Tota: £17.40; £2.90, £1.10, £3.30, DP: £11.80, CSP: £48.25.

S.O (2m St ch) 1, WESTERN SARSET (H Davies, 7-2; 2; Half Free (P Scadamore, 10-11 fav); 3, Yea Treppe (B de Heart, 7-4), 3 res. 5, 3. T For Sars of Wartings, Total win 13.50, DF: 21.80, CSF: 25.52.

win 23.50. DF: \$1.90. CSF: \$5.50.

3.20 (2m 100 to thele) 1. SWFT ASCEN
(A Charlton, 5-2 tay); 2. These Miles (M
Furion, 33-1); 3. Polymo (J Mallaughile,
11-4). ALSO FLAN: 9-2 Breakfast Car (581).
7 Cars Linisby, 8 Forgiving, 9 Pat On The
Sack, 14 Liberry Walk, 16 Cowel Shore, 29
Hazel Nut., 25 Brusheen (4th), 35 True
Postry (6th), Chaise Longue, Woolmans
(pu), Merubani, 16 ran, NR: Paris Merch, 11
Beiding at Weyhill, Tote: £3.50; \$1.10.
18.10, 71.60. DF: £705.00, CSF: £87.91.
Tricest: £239.40.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHNGS: Welsh Na-turnal Handicap Chase. Chepstow. Cot-tage Leas, Solares and Brown's Star.

Piacepot: £21.75.

Newton Abbot

Going: soft 12.45 (2m 150yd indie) 1, CELTIC CHEEF (S. Morshead, 6-4 tan/; 2, Come On Lucky (P. Leach, 12-1; 3, Kallysam (C. Liewellym, 33-1), ALSO RANE 5-2 High Warter (4th), 0 Apache Rhythem (pu), 16 Conjob (pu), 20 Kingswood Neff (pu), 16 Conjob (pu), 20 Comey Sol (pu), 33 Aldington 5-81 Seh), Cotthele (6th), Lady Kaye Michelle (pu), Laura's Dream (pu), My Moyales (pu), Solity's Girl (pu), 15 ran. 124, 201, 34, 23, 44, Mrs M Flamed at Severn Stoke. Toler 23.00; 21.50, 24.00, 24.80. Dr. 211.60.

CSF: 218.45, CSF. 218.45.

1.15 (22n 150yd ch) 1, KULSYTH (W Knox, 3-1); 2, Cameball (B Powel, 5-1); 3, Sters And Stripes (J Frost, 5-2 fav). At 3C RAN, 7-2 Woodland View (Sh), 12 Mözde (Lizzie, 33 Celtic Bell Gruf, Royel Tycoon (4th), Rus-The-Day (Sh), BD Lady Sweetapples (pul. 9 ran. NR: Major Symphomy. 4, 25, nk, 10, 7, 0 Burchell at Saxe, On-Trent, Tole: 23.9.0; 21, 10, 21, 80, E1 30, DF: £11.00. CSF. 216.28.

£1.30. DF: £11.00. CSF: £16.28.

1.45 (2m 150)d httls: 1, BAYGON p
Richards. 4-1): 2, Reyal Guntan (C
Hopwood, 33-1): 3, Tangent (J Frost, 531). ALSO RAN: 6-4 tax Lizzy Longusociang
(Ach), 7-2 Rhodeste (pu), 6 Gara Rock (8m),
8 High Ham Blues (pd), 20 Doddycross
(Sch), 25 King Universe (pu), 33 Servatate
Tho (pu), 50 Salamening Gold (f), 11 ran,
1, nic. ric, 41, 121. Mrs. E Kannard at
Taurabn, 70st: £6.25: 21.70, 22.80, 56.80.
DF: £32.50. CSF: £105.10. After
Stewards Impairy, result stood.
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Stewards 'inquiny, neutit stood.

2.15 (Sm 2) 100yd ch) 1, MESSTER (S. Sherwood, 2-1); 2, Maggle Dee (J. Frost, 14-1); 3, No Pardon (Feter Hobbs, 2-1).

ALSO RANE 7-4 fav Vesteo (4th), 4 fan, NR: Just For The Crack. 154, 28, distance. J Old at Bristol. Tota: win 22,70.

DF: 24.20, CSF: 216.30. DF: \$4.20. CSF: 216.30.

2.45 (2m 150yd hole) 1, RUSTY ROC (A Price, 25-1); 2, George Green (J. Bryan, 14-1); 3, Gatose (Mr T Mitchel, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 lay Karatnoun (pu), 5 Alanerry (pu), Fareburtle Haphare (pu), Rimble Less (4th), 8 Fields of Franca, 10 Tall (pu), 14 Coded Love (6th), R's For You (5th), 25 Full Price, 12 ran, NR: (Appeal, 12, 6, 12), 5-12, MW Davise at Absrowment, Total (288.50; 214.20, 23.40, 55.70. DF: 322.60. CSF: 5317.24. Tricant: 27,724.10. Winner bought in for 2,730 grs.

3.15 (2m 150yd hole) 1, SWING TO STEEL (J. Lower, 8-1); 2, Fleet Bay (D. Morris, 16-1); 3, Kingen (J. Hurst, 5-2 lay). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Agran Kingen (6th), 7 Been Mugged (6th), 12. Tight Torn (pu), John Festing (eth), 20 Cedic Honey (n. Violino Fendango, 50 Airweir (pu), Top Gold, Keep Saumering, 6th Hobbs, 13 ran, 214, 6, (10, 18, 15). Mr. Pine et Weilington, Toes: 23.50. CSF: 244.65. Tricant: 2122.02. Phasegods act work.

3.40 (2m hdie) 1, THE DEMICH BARBER (P Tuck, 15-6); 2, Dual Venture (M Duyer, 18-8 fav); 3, Weardate (C Grant, 25-1); ALSO RAN: 10 Gay Captain, 11 Curragal (eth), 16 Hawtsorth Lad, 20 Killery Bay, Roelly Honest (5m), 25 Ar Command, 50 Captain, 11 Jungham Bride, Ocean Life (44t), 50 Captain, 19 Killer (Growth & Captain, Ellard, 19 Killer (19 Killer), 19 Killer (19 K

Wetherby

1.30 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1, BROTHER GEOFFREY (G Landau, 1-2 lav); 2, Coster (T P White, 4-1); 3, Pan Artic (C Keffett, 10-1), ALSO RANK 6 Dudie (ur), 4 ran, 21, 8t. C Thomson at Middlettern, Tote: 21,50, DF: 51,50, C F 52,50 Thornton at Middle £1.80. CSF: £2.84.

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2.5 (2m of hole) 1. MBAMI IN SPRING (D. Wilkinson, 20-1); 2. Pleik Sensation (P. Niven, 9-2); 3. Selet in Combat (E. Bucktoy, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Culck Reaction, 8. Pauls Secret, 8. Hurricane Henry (f), 12. MBassoers, 14. Horowitz (Sth), 20. Brandon Lyn (4th), 25. Marina Piara (Sth), 35. Knockatene (pu), Tleatre (pu), 50. Curset Boy, 13 rat, 15, 3, 10), Ind, 34. R. Suabbs at Middleham, Tote: 222.60; 24.30, 21.80, £1.40. DF: £86.50. CSF: £105.50.

3.5 (2n 50yd ch) 1. MBMDELITA (A Stringer, 14-1); 2. Teastr (R Lamb, 5-2; 3, tempery (D Condell, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav The Howlet (4th), 14 Tokdesthnach, 20 Strictly Bacon (5th), 8-ran. 14, 3, 1141, 104, 91. P. Courage at Northatierton. Toka-24, 222: 22.10, 21.60. DP: 210.00. CSF-246.57.

SPORT

England are allowed to indulge their indifference

Yesterday held two sur-prises. The first was to find that only certain of the England players were practising, the second to see the amazing developments there have been at the ground since 1982-83.

With a vital Test match ahead of them and a wretched performance at Newcastle still fresb in their minds, I would have expected the England players to want to practise, regardless of the fact that on the original schedule November 25 was to be a day off.

If they wanted to sleep off their jet-lag after Monday's flight from Sydney (there is a three-hour time difference be-tween here and New South Wales) why not a late-after-noon net? It is a perfect time for having one.

Instead only Athey, Broad, Slack, Whitaker, Richards, Dilley and DeFreitas were detailed and Gatting joined them. The rest were allowed to indulge their indifference.

It is six days since Lamb eveo went through the mo-tions and all Gower and Botham have done in that time is to take things easy against New South Wales. At the present rate the ground, affectionately known as the "Wacker" (short for the Western Australia Cricket Association), will be a modern stadium by the time England are here next with a capacity of 35,000.

The lights, under which night cricket has already been played, are said to be more powerful than those in Sydney and Melbourne. The field itself has been entirely dug up and relaid to a depth of three feet by the curator, John Maley, and his ground staff. It is very slightly crowned and Maley's aim is to make the square again the fastest and truest in the world. He thinks he can do it and he knows what he is doing.

Although the pitch for Fri-day is the one which Hadlee found much to his liking when Australia played New Zealand here last year, Maley is con-fident that this time, in anything like normal Perth weather, it will be good for batting.

than I had expected, although even if it were not I imagine England would still play both their spinners. In Brisbane they enabled Garting to apply a kind of defensive pressure on anxious batsmen.

In recent years it has been no less common in Perth than in Brisbane for the side win-ning the toss to field, in the expectation of helpful conditions for faster bowling on the first day. In no fewer than nine of the 12 Test matches played on the ground this has happened. They include all four between England and Australia. Now that the pitch has bedded down and enough grass can be taken off it without it falling to pieces, fielding first could be less of an

Bad light saves the day for Pakistan

West Indies ended in anti-climax yesterday when the In-dian umpires took the players off the field for bad light with

nine overs to play.

At that point Pakistan were 125 for seven, their backs firmly against the wall, with only a draw left to them. Without further ado the clouds we have seen on the enrice tour gathered, creating a aumber of problems for the batsmen with the taller West Indians releasing the ball above the level of the small sightscreen at one end.

With aine of the last 20 overs gone, the tourists were poised to take a new ball, but the umpires indicated to Richards, the West Indies captain, that they would take the players off if Marshall contiaued to bowl.

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Butts and Harper bowled a further over each before the umpires decided play could not continue. By English standards the light was perfectly reasonable but on the sub-continent play investible score \$5.500, 25. play invariably stops as soon as the sun does aot actually shine. Richards said afterwards he was disappointed that his side

had been deprived of their just reward. "We were looking up the barrel earlier bot fought our way back with good bowing and catching. I would not say I am annoyed. You expect anything to happen in these parts."

In fact Pakistan were kept subdued for most of the day, with no one able to play the commanding innings needed. They resumed at 16 for two and Marshall and Gray bowled at their fastest and meanest. In the vivid Caribbean phrase they use, it was time for the batsmen "to smell da leather." It was all too much for Mohsin Khan, who edged a rearing ball high to third ship io Marshall's second

Javed Miandad, on whom so much depended, lingured 40

say immoderately, criticized by former Australian players before putting England io at Brisbane that to avoid having the same decision to make again be might be happy this time to lose the toss. I fear for him if he should choose to field and things

Border was so widely, not to

should go drastically wrong for him, as they did a fortnight ago. For the last week Border has been unable to open a newspaper without seeing his captaincy subjected to the closest, often the harshest,

Bill O'Reilly, whose po-lemic, even though he is 80, makes such a splendid daily read in the Sydney Morning Herald, wrote a couple of days ago that he would have Border out of the side altogether, although even as Australia's captain Border's figures speak for themselves. His Test batting average in Australia's last four series is 65, a remarkable achievement in a struggling

The least unexpected change in England's side for Friday would be a switch of wicketkeepers, back from Richards to French. Although he beld three catches and made one crucial and awkward stumping in Brisbane, Richards had a rather edgy game behind the stumps, and after being preferred to French because of his batting he failed to score in his only innings.

But then, in Newcastle, French himself had an untidy day. Even so, because French is undoubtedly the better wicketkeeper of the two, I should be inclined to bring him back. Few tours go by without this question cropping up of whether to choose the less good wicketkeeper for

It happened with Ames and Duckworth, just as it has in many of the years between. With England's batting as brittle as it usually is, the better wicketkeeper has often had to make way for the better

No one thought that Downton was the best keeper in England but he played in 27 Test matches, or that Alan-Smith was, although out here in 1962-63 he was preferred four times out of five to John Marray.

Four years later, again in Australia, Murray suffered a similar fate when Parks, although not as good behind the stumps, played in all five Tests. That gave Murray one Test out of 10 on his two Australian tours, despite his being a good eoough batsman to score a Test hundred

against West Indies. In 1962-63 the case for Smith was pressed by his captain, Dexter, and to be fair to Smith he never let the side down. In 1986-87 Gatting is believed to prefer Richards. Whether anything that happened in Brisbane changed that we shall know when the England side for Friday is

What promised to be a thrill-iag finish to the third Test match between Pakistan and off stump flattened. Only 28 runs came in the morning period as Ramiz Raja and Mudassar Nazar somehow survived against the barrage. They had added 48 runs in 27

overs when Mudassar was leg-before as he stepped back to pull Butts. Walsh and Butts bowled unchanged through the after-noon and made the decisive breakthrough shortly before tea. Ramiz, who had been at the crease for four hours, was bowled by Butts as he attempted an ambinious off-drive. Imran Khan arrived with Pakistan needing 118 runs in 40 minutes and 20 overs. The target, though, became irrelevant when Asif Mujtaba was out in the next

over, edging a drive against Walsh for Dujon to take a spectacular high catch to his left.

After tea, Imran and Tauseef concentrated on defence, with the 30,000 crowd, the best of the march cheering every hall that match, cheering every ball that they survived. Slowly the clouds — said by locals to be part of a — said by locals to be part of a dust-storm passing nearby — loomed, and the frustrating finish to a good match unfolded. The draw meant that Pakistan have now played 25 Test matches in Karachi without being beaten.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 240 (I V A Richards 70, Abdul Qadir 4 for iur). Second Innings 211 (D L Haynes 88 not out, Imran Khan 8 for 46, Abdul Qadir 3 for PAKISTAN: First Innings 239 (Javed Mandad 76, Ramesz Raja 52, C G Butts 4 for 739.

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Total (7 witts) 125
Salm Jaffer and Abdul Qudy did not bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16, 3-19, 4-25,
5-73, 8-95, 7-95.
BOWLING: Manshall. 19-5-31-3; Gray, 147-18-1; Wateh, 22-11-30-1; Buitts, 22-8-222; Harper, 1-0-1-0.



The simple, important truth

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent The only features of the

The people who make things happen with the Lawn Tennis Association and British tennis as a whole, eatertained the Press yesterday — in the attractive new LTA office block, which is just a few yards from the old one and still within volleying dis-tance of the local cemetery. The function was partly a bouse-warming party for the quick, as distinct from the dead, and partly an exposition of what the LTA is doing — and intends to

The discussion, in which the LTA team did almost as much talking as the Press, concerned British tennis to compete on more even terms with the overseas challenge and, domes-tically, with all those British sports which, for one reasoo or another, attract more and (the natural consequence) better

players.
With difficulty one sought to identify fresh straws in the wind. Inevitably there was much familiar comment about the deficiencies about British Clubs and their failure to encourage juniors with court time and relevant waffle to acquire a welcome and comparatively new emphasis was that clubs weren't doing enough to "sell" the game to their local communities (to such an extent that there would be a position lists for there would be waiting lists for membership), oor charging enough to pay for improve-ments in playing and social

Ian Peacock, the executive director of the LTA, made an astounding, and presumably embarrassing, assertion that Britain had more courts than any other nation in Europe. On the other hand, be pointed out that the LTA lost about one-quarter of their income in tax quarter of their income in tax and that golf, football and squash had from five to 10 times as much money "revolving" within there.

had it that in oo other European natioo was there such intense competition from other sports for the allegiance of gifted young athletes who could — and from the LTA point of view, should be recruited to tennis.

The LTA had great hopes for

construction of indoor centres. for their singles-only national "ratings" tournaments, for the forthcoming Mortgage Corpora-non National Team champion-ship, for a scheme 10 form junior clubs oo courts owned by municipal or educational authorities, for "short tennis", an iacreasingly popular minigame designed to broaden the basis of recruitment among schools and the British teenage increasing stress on physical and mental conditioning. Good luck to the LTA ia all that.

Perhaps the most sobering point to emerge, because its solution will be so difficult to achieve, was made by the women's national team manager, Sue Mappia. There were continuously people placing the ager, Sue Mappia, There were out enough people playing the game, she said. Consequently it was too easy for the better players to make it to the top io Britain. They did not have to work as hard as they should -and the stern challenges of the international circuit came as a shock to them. The important truths are always as simple as

The authorities think we're still little kids,' Pimek says

Another Czech son slinks slowly towards the West

ments, Czechoslovakia's tennis players have a love-hate relationship with their sporting and political masters—and those who profess love are, it appears, considerably out-oumbered by those who nurture the other cunotion.

Martina Navratilova is on the one extreme, with Ivan Lendl rather close to joining her, while Hana Mandilkova is generally still officially approved of. As for their lesser-known fellow combatants, a discreet silence is almost always considered the

almost always considered the best policy.
Libor Pimek, the tall 23-year-old who last week beat Heuri Lecoute, the world's No 6 player, on his way to the Benson and Hedges semi-finals, has been bold enough to express views that will not endear him to Czechoslowkia's anthorities, although he has reason not to feel though he has reason not to feel cowed into submission.

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"They think we're still little kids," Pimek told The Times in a surprisingly frank interview in a Wembley dressing-room last weekend. "The Tennis Federation and Government gave all of us an opportunity to play and travel outside the country. Then, suddenly, when the players are improving and starting to make improving and starting to make money, they don't respect them. They don't realise how big some of our players are internationally. That's where the problem

starts."
The roots of the pro The roots of the problem go back to the system that has produced a steady stream of tenuis stars, only to let them loose into a competitive, capitalist sporting industry. It fails to solve the inherent contradiction between their new life-styles and their previous strict Socialist disciplines.

disciplines.

Pimek, for example, was gathered in as a youth to one of the country's six or seven major tennis centres, where the youngtenus centres, where the young-sters spent five or six days a week eating, sleeping, drinking and playing tenuis — at Govern-ment expease. As they pro-gressed, school took second place, and Pimek recalled that he and his colleagues in the city of Prerov (population 50,000) would often attend school just once a week.

Many of the young players at these centres suffered a lonely existence. Karol Novachek, the world's No 35, for instance, came from a town about an hour's drive away and, like most of the others, she stayed in special accommodation in the city, visiting her family only at the weekends.

la Pimek's case, the whole family moved to be with their son. His father, a mechanical engineer, was able to change jobs, thanks to a tennis-mad factory boss. Pimek's chief rival and adversary, Miroslav Mecir, was equally fortunate - his



family happened to live in

Prerov itself.

Stardom was to come more quickly for Mecir, although he is a year younger than Pimek.

"Miroslav could never beat me in those days," Pimek recalled, "but he has far more natural ability than me and it eventually

Their rivalry, at times, has bordered on deep kostility — largely due to the ultra-competlargely due to the ultra-competitive, almost desperate, desire of the younger players to gain the solitary team place that would allow them to travel abroad — a system that has since become somewhat less restrictive.

Though ranked 25th and 34th in 1984 and 1985 respectively. Pimek has slipped to 56th in the world rankings, while Mecir has enjoyed a metroric rise and is now ranked ninth. Mecir's improvement began in January.

improvement began in January, 1985, when the two were enreached in a marathon struggle in front of a bandful of late-night spectators at the Young Masters in Birmingham. Medir triumphed—his first win over Pimek - and a bleary-eyed umpire (me!) made a note that either or both could soon surge

Pimek is determined not to be left behind: "I have engaged a coach and am working much harder on fitness and training," he explained. "Mecir is backy— though he's lazier, he can achieve much more."

achieve much more."

It is the experience of travelling the world that has opened Pimek's eyes to the frustrations of remaining fully within the Czech tennis orbit. "There should be freedom and people should be able to choose where they want to live." he said. "Ivan has chosen the United States and that's the way it is".

His own exercise in freedom is

His own exercise in freedom is about to begin, and he plans to marry his blonde Belgian girl-friend next year: "I will propose to her soon — and hope to become a Belgian citizen," he said. "After that, I'll have no problems. I think I'll have a lot of opportnaities to stay

So Pimek will be giving a new meaning to the term "tennis engagement" - and the Czechs seem set to lose another of their increasingly prodigal offspring to the temptations of the West.

Paul Martin

Jahangir upholds the time-honoured traditions of the Pathans in Zurich

Revenge comes swiftly and naturally to the recently deposed king of squash

the scruffiest of insignificant club players, once to have had lessons from Nazrutinh, Jahangir's late uncle; a gentle, tranquil man who would, without a glance, richochet a shot off all four walls as mathematically as Steve Davis might pot it dead in a pocket on a snooker table. It was Naz wha tanght Jonah Barrington and it was this inimitable Khan dexterity which now had Norman, who is to squash what de Castella is to the marathon, clawing the air in The Pathan people of north-ern Pakistan, historic guardians of the Khyber Pass, do not accept defeat. The Russians are marathon, clawing the air in vain in the third and fourth

Baled like a man

in a leaking boat

ern Pakistan, austoric guardians of the Khyber Pass, do not accept defeat. The Russians are discovering this to, their discomfort across the border in Afghanistan, as did the British, and as Ross Norman did in Zarich on Monday night. In the final of the Swiss Masters squash tournament, the World Open champion was ground into submission by Jahangir Khan.

"Revenge is in the nature of my people," Jahangir said afterwards, with the kind of unassuming smile of someone giving his seat on the bus to an old lady. "I needed to win this match far more than I needed to win the World Champiouship in Toulouse." He had just done so in four sets, inflicting on the gritty New Zealander the full range of his remarkable talents which have for so long been amanswerable, even though ha will only reach 23 next month.

The publicity which attended Norman's removal of the title which Jahangir had held for five years will, oddly, have been welcomed by Channel 4 television, which on Saturday screens their documentary on the unique family from "Squash Village" — little Nuvakilley, home of some 2,000 tribespeople, 15 miles from the Khyber, where all the Khans, from Hashim onwards, have descended to the plains to torment the Australians, New Zealanders and British.

It was my happy fortune, as

"I had to play faster and more physically, and use more wrist than in Toulouse," Jahangir said. "Ross doesn't like to be made to twist and turn, and this wore him down. I had needed that defeat long before, because it was good for me and good for squash. Ross likes to establish a rhythm, and I had to break this ap tonight." Prior to Toulouse, Norman had taken no more than one game in half a dozen or so of their 30 meetings. The breakthrough came after Jahangir had ligament trouble in the Malaysian Open and, after a month's absence, lacked match practice. He also failed to adapt, as Norman did in Toulouse, to It was my happy fortune, as the behaviour of the fluorescent

Dunlop hall was used and Jahangir, on his own admission,

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worked far harder.

I thought that one or two of the referee's decisions went unfairly against Norman. "I know it was a lucky shot, but it was OK," he called out as he scraped another drop shot off the boards only to hear "not up" from the gallery.

The match lasted an hour and 40 minutes, of which the marvellous second game lasted 44 minutes. As the third and fourth games had run nway from him,

games had run mway from him,
Norman baled demonically like
a man in a leaking boat, but the
water rose inexorably as Jahangir punched hole after hole with
his angled, cut, voileys. angled, cut, voileys.

"The key to my being able to challenge him from now on is my condition," Norman said. "In last year's World Open, what he last year's World Open, what he beat me in four games, 'I felt closer than I did tonight, even though that match was only one bour 28 minutes. I seemed a bit tired tonight. Every time I've been anywhere in the past couple of weeks, they've been opening a bottle of champagne. Most of my time not playing squash has been spent sleeping! He does not begrudge the He does not begradge the demand on his time. Squash is not the magic roundabout of tennis. As No 2 in the rankings, and way ahead of the rest, Norman makes a modest income as a star of his sport. The Swiss Masters, top of the prize money tournaments with its BMW

performance as the best seen at Southchurch Park for many

years by a side who, if they cootinue in this way, should

the premier division of the McEwan's Lager South League and bolders of the inter-league title, are second in the table to

ladian Gymkhana, who have

maximum points from five matches, three more than East

Grinstead, who have lost a match, Leading the ladian Gymkhana attack is Kulbir Bhaura from the England World

The lead in the premier division of the Pizza Express Londoo League is beld by Guildford with two wins and a

draw in three matches. Their

best achievement so far was a 2-1 victory over Slough who, after

their 7-1 win over Bromley,

pushed themselves up from

East Grinstead, champions in

retaia their n'tle.

sponsorship, was worth just under £9,000 to the winner. Norman's world title, a tribute to his dedication only three years after n serious parachuting accident, will substantially incrense his commercial endorsement value.

The interesting psychology of the relationship between the top two is that Norman has persuaded himself that Jahangir's more elaborate game requires Jahangir to be even fitter than Norman. Therefore, Norman's rationalisation follows that if he is super-humanly fit and more is super-humanly fit and more economic in style, that could be

Jahangir does not see it this way. He knows that, provided he can withstand a prolonged match, the wider complexity of stroke and touch should under-

New spice in the rivalry

"I must make him run," Jahan-gir says with that languid smile. He does — and he did. Norman believes that if he can run long enough, and find equivalent mental strength, he can emulate mental strength, he can ematate Barrington's self-made proficiency. Those who doubted
Norman have now reassessed.
The new spice in the rivalry is
important in sponsorship appeal. The Swiss, who have gone
squash-crazy, were offering
£120 to try to winkle a seat for
the final.

HOCKEY

Buccaneers stay top of the mast

By Sydney Friskin scribed Cambridge City's

Isca, who have won the premier division of the Sun Life West League aine times ia a row, are in fourth place after beating Brean 2-1 ia their last match. Isca were earlier beatea 4-1 by Firebrands.

Bath Buccaneers, who have woa all four matches so far, are at the 10p of the table with 12 points — there are three points for a win — followed by Brean, Hereford and Isca, each with

Cardiff stay at the top of the premier division io the South Wales League after their 12-0 victory over University College, Cardiff. Five of Cardiff's goals were scored by Tim Perceval, making his own contribution to Cardiff's aggregate of 3,333 goals scored since World War II. Cambridge City defeated Westcliff 7-1 but the win was oot sufficient to unseat Old Loughtonians at the top of the Norwich Unioo East League's premier division. Old Loughtonians have won all four matches played so far, whereas Cambridge City, second in the

table, have woa three and drawn cent record, leaving Teddiagton

one. Westeliff themselves de- distioction.

eighth to sixth place. In the percentage league St Albans, who were beateo 3-2 by Richmoad, lost their 100 per

MOTOR RALLYING

Peugeot win appeal but result is unchanged

champion Peugeot team were American event. yesterday cleared of cheaning io He is current Auto Sport Federation (FISA) could change the results of the rally, from which the French team were disqualified - and they do aot meet until Decem-

Because of the uncertainty of United States Olympus Rally from December 4 to 7 to ensure a chance of winning the World Rally Drivers' Championship. Had the appeal tribunal of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) cancelled the San Remo result — or changed

resterday cleared of cheatiag io the Italiaa San Remo Rally. But an international appeal court said that only the executive committee of the International 104. If the San Remo result 104. If the San Remo result 104. stands, Alen must still win the Olympus to take the title be-

cause drivers can couat only

their sevea best results. The Peugeots were disquali-fied halfway through the San Remo Rally because scrutineers the San Remo result, Peugeot alleged that strips along the will have to compete in the underside of the cars gave them illegal aerodynamic advantages. Peugeot won an appeal in halv because wiad-tunnel tests had shown that the strips — which Pengeot said were stoae-deflectors — had no aerodeflectors - had n dynamic advantages

Peugeot appealed to the FIA Tribunal, who said the rules it to the positions before Tribunal, who said the rules Peugeot were disqualified – the javoived were too imprecise for French team's Finnish driver, Juha Kankuanen, would have that the Peugeot team clearly clinched the drivers' title with- did not cheat.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Profit for Kangaroos

The Australian touring team

have departed on their seven-match tour of France with a profit of £115,620 from Britain. It has been a record-breaking tour by the 1986 Kangaroos ia many respects. Total atten-dances at the three international matches topped 100,000 for the first time since the post-war spectator boom in 1948.

Receipts for the three inter-nationals were £465.958, while the whole 13-match tour amounted to £793,422.

Tributes flowed in yesterday following the death of Larry Dassie, the Portsmouth player, who never regained consciousness after being thrown from his TR7 in a head-oa collision on the A3, just south of Guildford, a reset and

a week ago.

One of the most popular and

regular American players to come to England, Dassie, aged

31, from Jacksoaville, Florida, arrived io 1977. Dassie en-

hanced his experience at Kansas

State University and played for

a number of English clubs.

mostly Hemel Hempstead and Kingston, although it was with

Crystal Palace, his first English

club, that the 6ft 6in forward

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The Australians now embark on their tour of France knowing the two qualities without the that everything is clear profit. that everything is clear profit, although attendances in France not match levels ia England.

The Rugby League has also done well out of the unbeaten and spectacular trip by the Kangaroos. The league will pocket £150,000 in receipts from the three internationals, with league administrators deciding at a later date on how to dispose of the money.

Robinson jumps to the fore

ICE SKATING

By John Hennessy

Paul Robinsoa, four times runner-up in the Tuborg Lager British Figure Skatiog Championsbip, is poised to occupy the ceatre stage oace dominated by John Curry and Robin Cousins.

Robinson coovincingly won the compulsory figure section at Solibull yesterday from Speccer Durrant and Christiao Newberry, both skatiag on their home tink

In Britain, Robinson is trained at Blackpool and Billingham by his German-born mother, Inge Dorn, but he has made fleeting visits to Canada to take instruction from Kerry

This year, Robinsoo has spent three months in Kitchener, On-tario, and the fruits are about to be gathered in, it seems,

Yesterday, be laid down the best set of figures he has ever produced in a competition, according to bis mother. "It should put him in a good frame of mind for the rest of the competition." she thought.

Even the loops — usually his weakest element — were under firm coatrol, although two of the five judges preferred those of Ashley Moore, a new recruit to ice from the roller rink. Alas for Moore, of Sunderland, his first two figures were poor and he languishes in fifth place, 2.4 poiats behind the leader.

Robinson uses the difficult triple flip in the short programme combination jump and e opened his free programme with the same exercise. For most people it would be something of a gamble but the jump appar-ently comes easily to him.

All the same, its successful execution - aot ooce, but twice - may be crucial to his winaing his first Britisb title.

The substantial figure of Leitch looms large over the championships, for he also trains the pairs title-holders, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, of Nottingham, when they are at home.

Like Robinson, they are full of confidence, and they created a glowing impression in winning the short programme oa Mon-day night. They presented all the elements with an elan rare among British pairs down the

If their double loop jumps were not precisely matched, this is commonly the case in pairs because of the disparity ia size between the two skaters.

Their discipline requires he-man qualities oo the part of the male partner and petite strength on the woman's part. Matching playing with a doll — commoa in the Soviet Union — is a perpetual conundrum.

MEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, P Robinson (Blackpoot and Billingham), 0.5 pts. 2, S Durrant (Solarul), 1.2: 3, C Newberry (Solahul), 1.8: 4. M Rengard (Dundee), 2.4; S., A Moore (Sunderland), 3.0: 8, C Wildridge (NSA), 3.5. PARRS: Short programme: 1, C Peake and A Neytor (Nottingham and Petarborough), 0.4 pts: 2, L Cushley and M Cushley (Teesside), 0.8; 3, C Kay and C Nelson (Ourham and Billingham), 1.2.

BASKETBALL Portsmouth pay tribute to Dassie

114 national league games, scoring 2.527 points. from playing this season. He accompanied the team to their

"He was the type of player everyone knew about," Dan Lloyd, the Portsmoath player/coach said yesterday. "People appreciated his skills. He was cutte agus of the floor to year." quite a guy off the floor too. very relaxed, easy going and always looking on the bright side. He had a great sense of humour. Obviously he was one of the best Americans ever to play over here and ooe of the most exciting."

A dispute with his club and a previous accident in which be suffered a bead injury, requiring 15 stitches, after being knocked off his bicycle, prevented Dassie

matches and it was on his way to a training session that his fatal accident, occurred.
"We'll dedicate the rest of the

season to him," said Colin Irish, his team colleague, with whom Dassie often stayed overnight when he was not travelling home to Wimbledon. "We'll do the best we can for him. He was a hell of a guy."
Portsmouth will wear black

armbands in Dassie's memory for their Prudential National Cup semi-fiaal against Calderdale Explorers io Birmingham on Sunday. He leaves a wife, Susan, who is a school-

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Souness spells out his side's daunting task with a few home truths

By Hugh Taylor

Graeme Souness brought home to Rangers' players the magnitude of the task they face against Borussia Monchengladbach at Ibrox tonight when he said: "You'll be playing in a different

The vastly experienced player-manager added that only a return to peak form would allow Rangers the slightest chance of winning the

Stressing that the West Ger-

pere or Boavista - Rangers' and McMinn has please from his players, who have recently lost their edge, a repeat of the eye-catching performances shown in

many of those who still prefer

the old up-and-at-em ap-proach which in the past

brought so much excitement

Such rumbustious raids did

not bring many goals, how-

ever, and Souness, now

fashioning a more modern

and agreeable style, will bring

in these two unorthodox attackers only if things are going badly. Of West, who has been out of action for nearly

three months, Souness said

hero if it comes off?"

'It's a gamble but won't I be a

Borussia are said to be methodical but slick on the

break. They have recovered from a poor start in their league and, now marshalled by the international Rahn,

fancy themselves to take the UEFA Cup this season.

A team bristling with talent yet highly efficient may have a

goalkeeping worry: Kamps is believed to falter in a fusillade

of accurate crosses. But even if the tale is true — and whoever

saw a German goalkeeper who

was not an all-round tech-

nician? - Kamps's defensive

colleagues are husky to say the least. Rangers would do better

to hope that their delightful

pattern will once again be bright enough to dazzle the

opposition rather than revert

to the old policy of muscle

Certainly there will be no chance of Celtic changing their

style for the premier division match with Aberdeen tonight.

Fast, spectacular and skilful,

the league leaders will attract a

capacity attendance to

Ian Porterfield, the new

Aberdeen manager, wants to make a notable start to his

career in Scotland with a double over the Old Firm but Celtic will be more difficult to dispose of than the lacklustre Rangers were on Saturday.

Celtic, who may be without

MacLeod, are likely to recall

the veteran McGrain, while

Aberdeen could have Joe

equally impressive defensive record — 10 games since Zubizaretta last picked the ball

may depend on Bierhoff and Witzecek, their teenage for-wards, both aged 18, to pull off

Welsh plan

card scheme

Wales are ready to introduce a football membership scheme to help stamp out hooliganism in the Principality. The National Supporters Club will cost in the region of £100,000 to set up.

over mind.

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feature of the night. He will come on, not as a defender as is his customary role, but as an emergency goalkeeper. The elub's young understudy. Thompson, is in plaster.

Aberdeen could have Joe Miller at centre forward if Dodds, who scored the winning goal against Rangers, does not recover in time from injury.

Despite this, Jiri Lopana, me Dukla manager, remains confident, "Inter are an attractive the experienced scoring talents of Lineker and Hughes to break of Lineker and Hughes to break this potential deadlock, Bayer

against

continental

Seldom since these outstanding victories have Rangers, however, treated their supporters to displays as signlest chance of winning the their supporters to displays as first leg of the UEFA Cup tie fascinatingly designed and which will bring a capacity goals as lethally scored. The crowd of 44,000 to the Glasprayers this evening will be for McCoist 10 regain his deadly

scoring touch.

The decision to play West

Since the Vujovic twins and the outstanding Sliskovic have been acquired by French clubs, Hajduk now have only one member of the national squad.

member of the national squad.
Miljus, a full back, was not selected against England at Wembley last mouth in a European Championship tie in which the Yugoslavs confirmed the superinrity of their technique.

Even through they are likely to do so again tonight, there is adequate room for Scottish optimism. It would be even

more extensive if United were in top form or at full strength.

They are neither and McLean, like his opposite number, has yet to reveal his line-up.

Sturrock is the principal, and most worrying, doubt. United's most experienced forward has a toe injury which has troubled him throughout the season. But he and Narey, a central defender who returned to the side for the victory over Hibernian on Saturday, are both expected to be chosen.

So is Hegarty, although merely as a substitute, His appearance, should it be nec-

essary, will be the most unusual

Vital role for Passarella

beating Barcelona, the Spanish league leaders, will rise signifi-cantly if Herget, their inter-national defender, is passed fit.

The West Germans have yet

to concede a goal in the com-petition but that record would

be in serious jeopardy if they face Barcelona without their

polished sweeper. Terry Venables, the Barcelona man-

ager, can however point to an

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheinstord 2, Folkestone 2; Salisbury 1, Gosport 2, Bit Dellow Cup: First round: Postponed: Rushden v King's Lynn. CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Preston 4, Rotherham 0. SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round:

Giovanni Trapattoni, the manager, believes the side will benefit from the international experience of Argentina's 1978

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MONDAY'S RESULTS

Appearances can be deceptive

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Jim McLean admits that he has a striking problem. Al-though his side are second in Scotland's premier division, the manager of Dundee United recognizes that his forwards must "attack more fiercely." Tonight at Tannadice Park would be an appropriate time

On the face of it, United scarcely need to. Hajduk Split, their opponents in the first leg of their UEFA Cup third round ue, were beaten 4-1 at the weekend, have lost two of their players, Vulic and Andrijasevic, through suspension and could be with-out another two, Tipuric and Deveric, through injury.

But Gordon Wallace, for one, has seen for himself the strength of the Yugoslavs that lies behind the superficial evidence of weakness. United's assistant coach has warned McLean that Hajduk's defeat by Partizan Belgrade is dangeronsly misleading. "They were far bet-ter than the score might indicate," he said.

"With seven minutes to go, for instance, they were only 2-1 down and had an appeal for n penalty turned down," In spite of the potential absence of four representatives, Wallace rates them significantly higher than Vardar Skopje, United's Yugoslavian victims in the second round of last season's

round UEFA Cup tie against Dukla Prague after being omit-ted from last Sunday's 1-1 league draw with Como.

experience of Argentina's 1978
World Cup winning captain and
defender, aged 33, in the first leg
tie against the Czechoslovaks.

who have an impressive recent

Dukla, however, have made

an inauspicious start in the

league this season. They are twelfth in the 16-team first

division and have not yet adequately filled the gaps left by the departure abroad of Vizek,

record in Europe.

opponents in the previous rounds - Souness demanded defeating Aberdeen and

Crowning glory for the king of openers and all the king's men: Graham Gooch (right), the captain of Essex, receiving the county championship trophy for 1986, plus a match-winning smile, from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace yesterday Hibs hot on trail of Gray

mier division club, last night made their first move towards signing Andy Gray, the Aston Villa forward, as their player/-

Manager.

Ken Waugh, the Hibernian chairman, rang Dong Ellis, the Villa chairman, to discuss the question of compensation for the Scottish international, aged 30, who still has 18 months of his contract to run at Villa Park. Villa are understood to want at least £80,000 for Gray who was signed for £140,000 from

was signed for £140,000 from Everton last season.

If the Hibernian directors agree that Gray is the man they want to fill the post at a board meeting in Edinburgh this morning. Wangh will contact Ellis again for permission to speak to the player.

Mich D'Avray, the former England under-21 forward who plays for Ipswich Town, wants to move to Portugal, The South African-born player valued at £100,000 by the former UEFA Cup winners, is to train for five Cup winners, is to train for five days with Sporting Farense, the Algarve club who are currently bottom of the Portuguese first division with only four points in

division with only four points in 11 games.

Darlington have failed in an attemptio re-sign Carl Airey, their former forward, from Belgium. Cyril Knowles, the manager who sold him to Royal Charleroi for £30,000 in the summer, has had a £5,000-offer turned down. Instead, Airey has joined Twente Enschede, the Netherlands first division side on lean for the rest of the on loan for the rest of the

• Tottenham Hotspur's home first division game against the League leaders, Arsenal, will be

Graham Turner's job as the manager 'of Wolverhampton Wanderers is safe despite Monday night's humiliating FA Cup defeat by the Multipart League club, Chorley, according to the club chairman, Dick Homden. Mr Homden said Turner was in "no danger whatsoever" of being dismissed, despite repeated calls for his sacking from the terraces.

this team and he'll be given a fair chance," Homden said. "I

ask the fans to give him the time he deserves and needs." As well

as being the lowest point in Wolves' glorious history, the 3-0

defeat was the worst Turner had experienced in his career.

Turner, who was sacked by Aston Villa earlier this season

and appointed last month in succession to the popular Brian Little, admitted he was hurt by the calls for his dismissal, but

Turner puts loyalty first as he recalls building site

Chris Turner, the Cambridge United manager, rejected a move to Peterborough United yesterday, on the eve of his club's Littlewoods Cup tie against Tottenham Hotspur, for reasons of lovalty.

In refusing the offer of assistant manager to Noel Cantwell, he said: "A year ago David Rushton, the chairman, took me off a building site to make me manager. It was probably the bravest decision ever taken by a football club and that deserves

Turner, for whom Cambridge is his first managerial post, added: "Peterborough made me a very good offer but I owe something to the clab, its supporters and the players



Anfield beware: Adams is on the comeback goal trail

added: "It is all part and parcel ruled out the latter suggestion of the modern game." ruled out the latter suggestion and asked Chorley to switch the

tie to Deepdale.

"We are definitely not going

there," the Chorley secretary, Mick Wearmouth, said. "We want to get into the third round and we feel our best chance of

doing that will be on grass and not Preston's plastic pitch."

With Bolton unlikely to agree to n Friday game. Choricy have pencilled in Wigan, Blackburn and Burnley as possible venues

for their first appearance in the

Turner hopes to make a substantial repayment tonight by beating Tottenham Hotspur before a capacity audience of over 10,000 at Abbey Stadium to earn a quarter-final de against West Ham Umted at Upton Pack

However, Cambridge, the last remaining representative from the bottom two divisions, will be without Flanagan, the former England under-23 international, because of a knee injury. Flana-gan was the inspiration behind their surprising victories against Wimhledon and Ipswich Town earlier in the competition.

The team, who are in the lower region of the fourth division, were assembled for £3,000 — the price it took to bring Lindsay Smith from Plymouth Argyle, for whom he appeared in their FA Cup semifinal side three years ago. Tottenham, who will be without Claesen, their Belgian international, because of injury, have not announced a side.

The same goes for Liverpool, who play Coventry City in a fourth-round replay at Anfield. Johnston, still under treatment for a back injury which has kept him out for two games, is in the squad. McMahon, who hurt a hand in the Merseyside derby with Everton on Sunday, is fit after an X-ray revealed only bruising.

Coventry's only change from the side who held the champions to a goalless draw last week is likely to be Adams for Painter, who was deputizing for the cuptied Emerson. Adams has scored in two comeback games after

Vote of confidence for Turner after cup defeat goal proved enough for Chester City to defeat Retherham United.

Bolton were 3-1 winners at Halifax Town and the leading GM Conference side, Maid-stone United, carned a home tie with Cambridge United after beating Welling United 4-1.

Bristel Rovers and Brentford will try again tonight to play the only outstanding first-round tie.

REVISED SECOND ROUND DRAW: Scuntrope v Runcorr; Chorley v Preston; Rochale v Wrednerr: Welsell v Port Vale; Chester v Ooncaster: Botton v Trammere; Notts County v Middlesbrough; Telliord v Abrinchan; Darlington v Wigar; Caemanon v Yoric Carollf v Bristol Rovers or Brentford; Makdstone v Cambridge United; Bournescouth v Orient; Selbengter v Stough; Fultren v Newport; Gillingham v Chelmstord; Bristol City v Bath; Swinden v Enfeld; Southend v Northampion; Aldershot v Colchester.

Swansea City secured n home tie against Slough Town after disposing of another non-league side, Wealdstone, 4-1 at the Vetch Field but had two players sent off in the process. Gordon Davies scored twice for Fulliam as they defeated Hereford

Hughes paid £90,000 for S African tours playing chub cricket here. The federal court ruled that he be allowed to play and ordered the association to pay the costs of about Aus\$400,000 (about £181,700).

Perth (AFP) - Kim Hughes, captain of the rebel Australian team now in South Africa, will receive Aus\$200,000 tax-free (about £90,850) for his two tours

The firmer Anstralian captain's contract with the South African Cricket Union (SACU) has been revealed in a letter to the Western Australian Cricket Association from the

• Kimberley (Renter) — Cavalier batting by John Dyson and Michael Haysman led the rebei Australians to an easy 30-run victory in their one-day match against Griqualand West yesterday. Sent in after losing the toss, the Australians reached 248 for five in their 50 overs and then dismissed the home team for 168. association's lawyers. The letter says Hughes's earnings are approximately equiva-lent to earnings of Aus\$500,000 (about £226,750) if those earnings were subject to income tax

It had been previously believed that all members of the Australian rebel side were paid a pre-tax figure of Aus\$200,000 for the two tours. The letter does not refer to details of the contracts of other players.

Hughes recently won a court battle against the Western Australian Cricket Association, which had banned him from

SCORES: Australian XI 248 for five (50 overs); Griqualand West 158.

EAST SERLEN: East German finst division Statal Brandonburg 1, Union Barlin 2; Wiscon Aue 2, Shahi Rissa D, Blechorjowarde Vorwägerts Frankfurt C, Dynason Berlin Sergie Cottous 1: Lokomotive Lapsing Dynason Dression 1: Carl Zales Jene 1, Re Wisson France 2: Heardgham 2, Korl Maco Sta

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Opener Dyson hit 10 fours and n six in his 95 before being

stumped and with Haysman (90) put on 171 for the second wicket. Then paceman Terry

Alderman, showing a welcome return to form after a niggling

shoulder injury, went through the home team's top batting. He

tack four for 28 in his 10 overs

while Rodney Hogg removed three for 33.

RACKETS

ATHLETICS Desruelles receives two-month suspension

Brussels (Reuter) - The Brussels (Reuter) - The European indoor sprint champion, Ronald Desruelles, has been suspended from competition for two mouths after an alleged attempt to mislead his regional athletic union's selection committee, an athletic union spokesman said.

It is the second time the Belgian has been banned in six years. In March 1980, after winning the long jump at the European indoor championships, he received an 18-month suspension for taking a forbidden drug-

suspension for taking a formeden drug.

Descruelles, the 60 metres winner in Madrid, has now been accused of changing details of a 100 metre race in Catania, Sicily, the Flemish athletics league disciplinary committee president, Rudy Verlackt, said

yesterday.

Desruelles affegedly gave the athletics union a results sheet showing he had run 10.16, seconds, his fastest time of the year, with a following wind of 0.75 metres per second. But Verlackt said the wind had in fact been 2.75 metres, nver the limit for times included

official record lists. Descuelles receives financial support from the Flemish support from the Flemistr league, calculated on his fastest times during the year.

Desruelles could appeal against the suspension, which is due to start early next month. But Verlaeckt said an appeal

would be postponed and the sprinter might miss the Euro-pean indoor championships in February and the World indoor championships in March.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas is back for England

England should have no trou-ble gaining their third successive victory in the European League victory in the European League match against Italy at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge, today. Desmond Douglas, of Bir-mingham, is back for England after missing the last match in Austria. Despite the absence of their No 1, England still won 7-O, following their earlier 6-1 victory over Turkey, and they are now top of the first division

Promotion to the premie division, however, is unlikely to be settled until April when be settled until April when England complete their pro-gramme with an away fixture against West Germany, their bagest rivals for honours. England heat Italy 4-3 away last season and comparative results this term suggest an even

easier victory. Italy have already lost to Turkey and managed only a 4-3 win against Anstria. TEABL: O Douglas (Birmingham). S Antraw (Eased, L Bellinger (Dunstable), F Effict (Wolvernampton).

Training blow: delays Pyatt title defence

Chris Pyatt, the European light-middleweight champion from Leicester, has pulled out of a voluntary first defence of his title against Giofranco Rosi in light champion in the grainst Giofranco Rosi in light champion in the control of the control Perugia, Italy, next Wednesday. Pyatt, who won the vacant Pyatt, who won the vacant crown when he stopped John van Elteren, of The Netherlands, in 97 seconds at the Royal Albert Hall in September, suffered a cut eye in training yesterday. Sam Burus, Pyatt's manager, said: "He was winding up his training at the Royal Oak gym in Canning Town before leaving for Italy. It happened during a sparring session when

during a sparring session when there was a clash of heads. "
Christophe Tiozzi, of France, who won a bronze medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, was Pyatr's sparring partner when the accident happened. Burns said that the injury above the right we was injury, above the right eye, was not serious, although it needed a couple of stitches. "We have asked for a postponement until January," he added, "but who knows what the promoters will do"

• The former world welter-The former world welter-weight champion John H
Stracey is to supervise the training of John Williamson, a light-middleweight prospect who has signed with Frank Maloney, London's newest promoter/manager. William-son, aged 22, from Głoucester, makes his debut with the new team at Lewisham Theatre on February 24.

Kiwi takes charge New Zealand have nominated international referee Keith Lawinternational referee Keith Law-rence, from Bay of Plenty, to handle two of the Five Nations championship matches in the new year. Lawrence's compa-triot. David Bishop, took charge of the international message of the international marches between Romania and France, last month, and between Ireland and Romania, earlier this

The two matches he will handle will be decided at the meeting next month of the Five Nations referees committee. when appointments will be made for the championship. Ireland will be represented at that meeting by Kevin Kelleher, the former international official. Michael Doyle, their coach, and a member of their international panel which will be decided later this week

Short run

Peter Canterdale, the Hartle-pool welterweight, has lost his 100 per cent professional record. The 22-year-old Canterdale was outpointed by Paul Deans, of South Shields, at Middles-brough on Monday night follow-ing a five-contest winning run.

Home speciators will be allowed entry to League games involving Cardiff City, Swansea, Newport County and Wrexham only by showing a membership card. The Welsh FA secretary, Alun Evans, stressed that the scheme was still in the planning stage, but that it was the Association's aim to have it implemented by the pearly wait. FA CUP: First round: Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Brentford. First round replays: Fullem 4. Hereford 0 (Fullem at home to Newport County; Makkstone 4. Welling 1 (Makistone at home to Cambridge United); Swansea 4. Weddestore 1 (Swansea at home to Stough). First round: Second replays: Chester 1, Rotherham 0 (Chester at home to Doncaster; Halifax 1, Bolton 3 (Bolton at home to Tranmere). Bognor Regis B, Lancing 1. VAUNHALL-OPEL LENGUE: Second division portic Royston 2, Ware 0; Vaunhall Motors 1, Tring 1. KNIGHT FLOCIDLIT LEAGUE: Stevensge 7. Sanston plemented by the nearly part FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Middlesborugh 3, Doncaster 0. Football League clubs will be asked to cooperate by admitting only Weish club cardholders to

Snooker suffers a blow to the pocket

Higgins' butting incident highlights the game's growing controversy

scenes of snooker's 23 million tournament circuit yesterday. Several leading professionals, including Dennis Taylor, Touy Knowles and Alex Higgins, have openly criticized the cut of the pockets during the £300,000 Tennents UK Open championship at Preston in the past 10 days.

probably with some justifica-tion — that the fractionally easier pockets are costing the top players their edge over the lesser professionals striving to break into the game's elife top 16. note the game's elife top 16.

Now, they may even cost Higgins his livelihood.

He was involved in a heated argument about the man that the man that

argument about the issue with Paul Hatherell, the tournament director, a few minutes after completing a 9-7 third-round win over Grimsby's Mike Hallett to reach the quarter-

finals of the 16-day tournament.
Higgins is alleged to have ended the argument by butting Hatherell, which seems sure to earn the fiery Irishman a lengthy suspension from the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body.

Higgins was clearly inceased by the state of the tables and, a few minutes before his clash with Hatherell, the "Hurricane" had again emphasized his com-plaints against the pockets, which he cisimed were reducing speaker to the levels of bar-roo

Higgins explained: "I am disgusted that the pockets we

are now playing with are undermining my 17 years as a professional. The game is becoming more like pool every day. Nothing is being done—even though most of the top players believe this trend is bed for the game.

"I hate to say a bad word about Mike Hallett because I've known him for a long time. But, if he can run me so close when I'm trying thea something has got to be wrong. Unless there are radical changes, all the skills will disappear from the game. I'm not prepared to stand for it. It's just not on.

"Only a few days ago, there was a momentous occasion in



squash courts, have they?
"Snooker has become far too commercial. The game is being devalued for the sake of spon-sors and television. Something

Hatherell conducted an impromptu Press conference to answer Higgins' charges and explained: "The pockets for the tables in this tournament have been approved in accordance with the BS and CC templates. They fulfil every specification. But, obviously, we will be taking the blower!

Hatherall then ran into his well-publicised confrontation with Higgins. But, while the 37-

they have not changed the size of year-old Irishman can expect no support over that violent incident, his arguments on the merits of the BCE tournament tables carry some weight.

Knowles, the world No 4 player, agreed with Higgins:
"The pockets are far too big. I've "The pockets are far too hig. I've hardly seen a decent game of snooker this year because good players are frightened to leave anything on because their opponents can come in, chance their arm and make a hig caough break to win the frame. It's killing the game."

Taylor, the former world hampion, added: "I don't often agree with what Tony has to say about the game, but, on this issue, he's 100 per cent right. The pockets are ridiculously big, and that won't do snooker any

Only Terry Griffiths, another former world champion, seemed to believe that the generous cut of the tables was good for snooker. He argued: "Pockets have to be on the generous side because the paying public want to see open play and big breaks. "If we go back to tighter tables, then safety players like myself and Cliff Thorburn would dominate and that would

bert the game's popularity.' Griffiths, however, was a lone voice among the game's top professionals and, while the WPBSA turn their attentions to Higgins, they will also just as surely take note of the consid-erable weight of criticism and revert to the sort of pockets that their members so badly want.

Association gave Chorley approval to try to arrange their tie for the Friday night or the Sunday. Preston immediately

of the modern game."

"It is the worst moment in my

career without any shadow of doubt but it's no time in talk

about whether I regret taking the

job on. What we have now is a culmination of four or five years

Chorley's opponents in the second round, Preston North

End, have rejected their request

to play the tie on a Sunday. Chorley humbled Wolves on neutral territory at Burnden

Park, Bolton, as their own Victory Park ground is under-

going safety work, and wanted to tackle Preston on the same

pitch. With Bolton Wanderers also

at home in the second round on December 6, the Football

bad management," he said.

Lendl gives Mecir a tough lesson

TENNIS

Inglewood, California (AP) -Inglewood, California (AP)—
Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia,
the world's top-ranked men's
player, defeated his fellow
countryman Miroslav Mecir, 60, 7-5, in an exhibition match
here on Monday. In another
match, Helena Sukova, also
from Czechoslovakia, beat Carling Bassett, of Canada, 7-5, 7-5.

Lead peeded only 25 minutes Lendl needed only 25 minutes to win the first set over Mecir. The second set was more diffi-cult for the US Open champion. who required nearly an hour to win the set and end the match.

"I started missing my first serves in the second set." Lendl said. "I got carried away by the way I played in the first set. "I was playing well and be didn't play well. Then, he started playing well and I said,

'I'm going to just power through him.' Then he starts moving you around. I had to tell myself to settle down. It could have gone either way. That's the way it is. Mecir, aged 22, said he didn't play his best tennis in the first set. "I had the feeling I could

CYCLING ZURICH: Sin-day race: Leading placings: 1, U Freuler and D Guiger (Setz.), 25pts, 2, R Hermann and 3 Hermann (Leach), 16; 3, S Tourse and E Ebense de Weide (Ball, 5: 4, 6 Frenk and M Marcussen (Den), 11: 5, R Pipen and R Eshod (Nem), 7; 6, II Thursu and J Schlaphoff (WG), 2: 7, O Clark (Aus.) A Doyle (GB), 0, at 1 top behinds.

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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

When memories are taken off the ice

 In striking contrast with the uncompromisingly realistic and intensely human subjects that we have come to expect of Desmond Wilcox's The Visit, a strange air of when s are visin, a strange are of unreality bangs over this week's film. The Golden Voyage (BBC1, 9.40). Spectacular nostalgia can have that effect, and when you add to it the clement of make believe, the more old visiter doesn't loop. the poor old viewer doesn't know whether he is coming or going. It would have made some sense if the Britons whom we see making the sea crossing to the United States in commemoration of the maiden voyage of the liner Queen Mary 50 years ago, had been able to do it on board the Grand Old Lady herself. But as she is now retired, permanently moored, at Long Beach, California, the voyagers who are re-living their 50-year-old memories have to do so on board the next best thing, the

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QE2. It is a bit like flying in Concorde to celebrate the first flight by air balloon. And, in any case, by the time the QE2 pas-sengers eventually get to tread the decks of the Queen Mary, much of decks of the Queen Mary, much of the magic has worn off thanks to some icebergs that displayed a cool insensitivity to the golden wonder of the occasion. In this connection, Tranic echoes are stirred. One passenger recalls that when he told an acquaintance that he planned to book a seat for the he planned to book a seat for the Queen Mary's maiden voyage, he was advised to travel only on one of the French liners. Dirty they might be, with poor service, but at least there wasn't any of that nonsense about women and children first.

Familiar only with those

Sylvester Stallone movies in which he plays the pugilist called Rocky, I went to see Stallone in F.I.S.T. (Channel 4, 9.00pm) with entirely the wrong expectations. Whatever the title may lead you to think, Norman Jewison's film has nothing to do with the fight game. There is much fighting in it, but not of the boxing kind. The violence in F.I.S.T.has to do with militant trade unionism in the Cleveland of the 1930s, and it covers the entire range, from punch-ups in the car park and heads being cracked open with clubs in street battles to truck drivers being shot to death at the wheel and trucks being blown up by fire bombs. Stallone (not God's gift to elecution, perhaps, but more sensitive an actor than you might expect, given his physical make-up) is the trade union boss who, like the teamsters' leader

Jimmy Hoffa in real life, gets involved with hoodhums. Essentially, F.J.S.T. is just a spectacular morality story with affinities with The Godfather, but, of its kind, it is undoubtedly well done

• Colin Davis's four-part adaptation of Norman Collins's London Belongs to Me, already broadcast in the BBC World Service, gets off to a solendid start (Redio 4. to a splendid start (Radio 4, 3.00pm). Thanks to many a defi touch in Enyd Williams's direc-tion, all the characters in the house are already firmly in place in my imagination, and at the end of the first episode I was left with a genuine concern about their fates...Music highlight on radio tonight: the definitive 1872 version of Mussorgsky's Boris Gedanov, with Vedernikov in the title role (Radio 3, 7.00pm).

Peter Davalle



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US-bound on the QE2: Charles and Kay Cullip (The Golden Voyage, BBC1, 9.40pm)

BBC1 6.00 Ceefex AM. 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank 7.00 Breakhast Time with Frank
Bough, Saily Magnusson and
Jarenty Patman.
8.40 Watchdog. Michael Howard,
Parliamentary UnderSecretary, Department of
Trade and Industry, is
questioned on new consumer
legislation by vieuwers and John

legislation by viewers and John Stapleton 5.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News. and weather 9.00 News.

9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kiroy-Silk and his studio audience discuss a topical matter 9.46 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with news of two ways in which to prepare your home for the winter oold 10.00 Matchbarrs. (f)

Neighbours. (r)
10.20 The Wombles. (r) 10.25 Phillip
Schofield with children's
television programme news.
10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50 Henry's Cat (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Catherine Griller with a thought for the day 11.00 Day Out. With Angela Rippon in south Somerset. (r) 11.30 Open Air. Viewers have the chance to comment on television

programmes. Chempional ID Snooker. Highlights from yesterday's matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship 12.55 Regional news and

weether.

1.00 One O'Clock News with
Martyn Lewis. Weether 1.25
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Little Misses. Little Miss
Trouble harrated by Pauline
Collins and John Alderton.

2.00 Film: A Pieno for Mrs Circling.
(1982) starring Bette Davis (1982) starring Bette Davis, Penny Fuller, and George Hearn, A made-for-television drama about a widow who is diagnosed irreversibly senile, somewhat hastily in her view

by George Schaefer 3.30 Certoon, 3.40 Save a Life, A Carbon. 3.40 Save a Life, A guide to emergency first aid. (r) (Castad) Pinny's House 4.00 Animal Fair 4.05 Heathcliff and Co. Carbon adventures of an alley-cat 4.30 Harriseat. Tony Harr's art class. John Craven's Newsround
John Craven's Newsround
5.00 The Children of Green
Knowe. Epsiode one of a new
four-part adventure about a
young man who is invited by

young man who is invited by his great grandmother to spend Christmas with her in her large and remote country house. Starring Alec Christie and Daphne Oxenford.

5.35 Masterleam.
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wegan. Tonight's guests include Mariel Herringway. Ken Livingstone, and Stephen Bayley. Plus music from Alieon Moyet.
7.35 The Clothes Show Includes Selina Scott being snapped by

Selina Scott being snapped by fashion photographer Tony McGee. (r) 8.00 Dallas. J.R. and Bobby find their control of Ewing Oil threatened by Wes Parmalee.

(Ceetax)
8.50 Points of View,
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast by
the SDP.
9.10 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys, Regional news and weather. 9.40 The Visit. A documentary about the celebratory journey

made on the QE2 by members of the public who were on the of the public who were on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary, a helf-a-century ago. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider, Snooker: quarterfinal action in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship; Boxing: the heavyweight bout between Horace Notice and Proud

Killmanjaro; Rowing: profiles of Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, 12.10 Weather. Together they try to get the diagnosis reversed. Directed

Alec Christic as Tolly in episode one of Lucy M Boston's The Children of Green Knowe (BBC1, 5.00pm)

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: cleaning the River Clyde 9.35 Ceefax: 19.00 For four- and the-year clds: 10.15 Science - noise 10.38 Science - Infra-red light and ultrasonic sound 11.00 Words and pletures 11.17 Exemine and

ultrasonic sound 11.00 words and pictures 11.17 Farming red deer and salmon in Scotland 11.40 Women factory workers and new technology.

Maths.statistics 12.25 Working in the construction industry 42.48 Consider language 12.48 Spanish language course 1.19 The state of English law 1.38 Comparing a one-man highland railway station with Glasgow Central Station 2.00 Thinkabout 2.15

Dutch and English schoolchildren celebrate Sinteridaes Day.

2.35 Championship Snooker. Quarterfinal action in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship, 3.55 Regional

news and weather.

Pamela Armetrong. This afternoon's guests are Anthony Burgess and Carl Davis. Plus music from Marti Webb, Championship Snooker. Further action from Preston.

Cover to Cover presented by Colin MacCabe. Actress Alexandra Pigg talks about the Mills and Boon library; there is a discussion on Steven Bach's Final Cut, the inside story of the multi militan doller. the multi million coller Hollywood flop, Heaven's Gate; and Redmond O'Hanlon talks about his trip to the

Amazon.
6.00 Film: The Rounders (1964)
staming Glenn Ford and Henry
Fonda. A comedy western about two horse wranglers who, try though they might, cannot amass the money they need to spend a luxurious retirement on a tropical island. Directed by Burt Kennedy. 7.20 Cartoon. Tex Avery's, Screwy

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Truant. (r)
7.30 BBC Design Awards
introduced by Jancis Robinson
and Christopher Frayling. A
new competition for welldesigned products, graphics,
and designed spaces' 8.30 Out of Court presented by

10 SUB COOL 9.00 M*A*S*H. Henry arrives back from leave in Tokyo madly in love with a sweet young stunner. (r) 9.25 Breaking Up. Episode two of the four-part drama about the

effect on a schoolboy of his parents's acrimonious divorce. 10.15 The Trouble With Sex. Christine Cox plays Mrs libbotson in this dramatization aimed at debunking the myths about VD clinics, or genito-urinary clinics as they are now known. Mrs libbotson has been referred to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, by her GP, and Is in

treatment.

10.45 A Party Political Broadcast by the SDP.

10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather.

9.25 Thames news headlines 5 Thames news headlines
B Schools: Maths - the number
'ten' 9.42 Energy-saving
houses 9.50 Maths - images
10.16 Physics: electron
diffraction 10.33 Today in
Prison, a poem by Dennis
Brutus 11.00 History: the
Russian invasion of
Czechoslovakia 11.22 Music
for celebrations 11.39 A
holiday in Prance.
The Gliddy Game Show. (r)
12.10 Our Backyard. (r) 12.30
Spin Offs. Tim Brooke-Tayfor
continues his exploration of
interesting places made more

12.00 interesting places made more accessible by the M25 Orbital

Motorway.

1.00 News at One with John Suchet
1.20 Thames news
1.30 A Country Practice. Medical
drama serial about a health clinic serving a rural Australian community, 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Multigan does wonders with a ham shank on

tha bone. 3.00 Take the High Road. Evidence gathers that there has been a prowler at both the Lachlar roft and at Letir-Falloch 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters

4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, narrated by Ringo Starr 4.10 The Yelebugs 4.20 S.W.A.LL.O.W. David Bellamy unravels another selection of obscure clues 4.45 Hold Tightlinghules quests. Burldy includes guests, Buddy Curtess and the Grasshoppers, and the Ward Brothers, Presented by Jacqueline Reddin, Michael Waterman and Peter Simon.

5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news 6.30 Helpl On the eve of the first International Community Architecture Conference, community architects, planners, and designers answer viewers questions.

6.35 Crossroads. Bermy is helped 7.00 This is Your Life. Earnonn

ITV/LONDON Andrews lays an ambush for another unsuspecting worthy. 7.30 Coronation Street. All gives Hilds some advice, and Mike Baldwin discovers how tough

8.00 Strike it Lucky. Michael
Barrymore presents another
round of the quiz game show
that uses the most up-to-date technology.

8.30 The Benny Hill Show. A compilation of sketches from the master of immendo's previous shows.

8.00 The Equalizer. McCall plans to take his son for a pageoful.

take his son for a peaceful weekend in the country before weekend in the country before
the young man departs for the
delights of Paristan life. But the
dream of a quiet rustic
weekend is shattered by
murder and mayhem. Starring
Edward Woodward and William
Zabka (Oracle)

19.00 A Party Political Broadcast by
the SDP.
10.10 News with Alastair Burnet and
Carol Barnes. Weether
followed by Tharnes news
headlines.

headlines.

10.40 Midweek Sport Special presented by Nick Owen.
Football: news of the Uefa Cup third round, first leg matches, and Littlewoods Cup fourth round replays; Skating; highlights of the Tuborg British Figure Skating
Championships.

12.10 That's Hollywood. The songs and songwriters of the

12.35 Hight Thoughts TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.60, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. The After Nine quests



Sylvester Stallone in F.L.S.T., the Hollywood-made film about a trade union leader (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4. 2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last right's programme of highlights of the day's debetes in the House of

day's debetes in the House of Lords.

2.30 Film: The Gang's All Here' (1939) starring Jack Buchanan and Googia Withers. John Forrest is brought out of early retirement from his insurance investigator's job when a fortune in jewels is stoten from his former firm's selfa. Directed by Thornton Freeland.

4.00 Mavis on 4. In this week's edition of Predicaments mavis Nicholson explores the

Nicholson explores the problems of alcoholism.

problems of alcoholism.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic correction is challenged by Doreen Whyte from Eastleigh, Hampehire. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Bill Davis as adjudicator

5.00 fee Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating. Championships, introduced by Nick Owen. The commentators are Simon Read, Bety

are Simon Reed, Bety
Callaway, and Nicky Slater.
5.30 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage
American cornedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life

heli for their captors. 6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show* Bud and Lou go on a hunting trip and meet a very

irate grizzly.

5.30 In Time of War: Soldiers of the Rising Sun. Excerpts from the anti-Japanese propaganda film - And Then Japan, and the blatently racist Canadian-made - The Mask of Nippon. (Oracle) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.

Sissons and Nicholas Ower.
7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Gerry Neale, Conservative MP for North Cornwall. Weather.
8.00 Looking into Paintings. The first of a series of six programmes aimed to stimulate interest in visiting art galleries and museums. Tonight, Alistair Smith of the National Gallery examines how paintings have been interpreted and re-interpreted, beginning with the Mona Lisa.

8.30 The New Enlightenment. In part three of his series Professor Kenneth Minogue examines the way society makes the most of the potential of its people, looking in particular at the family and educational policy.

9.00 Film: F.LS.T. (1978) starring Sylvester Stallone and Rod Steiger. Drama with Stallone stager. Drama wan stationed as the leader of a trucking union battling to improve his members' conditions and also the unwelcome attentions of a rival union. Directed by Norman Jewison. (see Choice) 11.40 Jools Holland in Performance at the Snug Herbour Club, New

12.10 Their Lordships' House. Ends

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-8.00 Waies To-day, 6.35-7.00 Jules, 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. SCOTLARD 10.50am-11.00 Doteman 6.35pe-7.00 Reporting Scot-land 9.80-4.10 Party Political Broadcast (SDP in Scotland) NORTHEEN IRELAND 5.35pm-8.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 In-side Ustar. 6.35-7.00 Mestertuem. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news megazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30m; -8.55 Masterteam. 8.25-8.00 Interval NORTHERN IRELAND 11.40mm-12.62pm Uster in Focus.

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GRANADA As London except:
1,20 Granada Reports, 1,30 Randal &
Hopkirk Deceased), 2,25-2,30 Granada Reports, 3,30-4,00 Young Doctors, 6,00 Granada Reports, 5,25 This is Your Flight, 5,30-7,00 Crossroads, 12,10am Stort Story
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and Mrs King, 5.00-6.35 News, 12.10am Tales
tron the Darkside, 12.40 Closedown,
HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales
at Six.

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SCOTTISH As London except:
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Times, 1.20 News, 1.20 Live at One-Thirty.
2.00-2.20 Look Who's Taking, 3.00 Country
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6.00-6.35 Southan Today, 16.40 Sootsport,
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6,00 Today South; West, 6,30-7.00 Emmerch
Farm, 12:10am Tales from the Darkside
12:40 Postscript, Closedown, TVS As London except: 12.30;sm-1.00

TVS Sullivans, 1.20 News, 1.30 Short Story Thestre, 2.00-2.30 Problem Page, 3.30-4.03 Young Doctors, 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast, 12.10am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except
12.30pm-1.00 Orphans of
the Wild. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the
Jobs Are. 6.00-6.25 Northern Life. 12.19am
Durts. 12.40 Industry Year, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.30-4.00 Wid World of Animals. 6.00 Good Evening Ul-ster. 6.25-6.35 Feetival Spot. 12.10em Festival Folit. 12.40 News, Clasedown. YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30ps;-1.00 Lunchtime Live. 1.20 News-1.30-2.30 Falcon Creet. 6.00-6.35 Catlender. 12.10em Moviesnakers. 12.40-6.00 Music Box.

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SAC Starts: 11.40cm Schools' Programmes, 11.45 Interval, 12.10par Flinz Chilern Hundreds, 1.45 Their Lordships' House, 2.00 Countdown, 2.30 Strangers Abroad, 3.30 Print-I-Yourself, 4.05 Falebalam, 4.15 Garto Gooh A Malwen, 4.30 Billidowcar, 5.00 Ico Steaths, 5.30 Five Women Photographers, 6.00 Brookside, 8.30 Mavis on 4.7.00 Newlydtion Suit, 7.30 Etcs Ar Fyw. 8.00 Roc 'Rol Te, 8.39 Hel Striboth, 8.15 Shwoor, 10.00 Film: Hard Hat and Logs, 11.50 New Enlightenment, 12.20cm Closedown.

La Musique



Cool jazz with a cool drink in the Burlington Bar from the keyboard of James Mckissic the celebrated American pianist.

Savour tea in the lounge to the delicate strains of the harp with resident harpist Katherine White.

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News
9.85 This Week's Composer:
Scriabin. Poeme, Op 32
No 1 (composer on the
plano), Poeme, No 2:
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Symphony No 3:
Amsterdam Concertgeb 10.00 Terence Terence
MacDonagh:Mozart
recordings featuring the
oboe and cor anglais
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C minor, K 388, and the

C minor, K 388, and the
Adagio for cor anglais and
string trio, K 580a. Also
entre acts No2 from
Thamos, King of Egypt
10.50 Callo sonatas: Rapiteal
Sommer (cello), Daniel
Adri (plano). Debussy
(Sonata in D minor), and
Reger (Sonata in G minor, Op
28 28 11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Joly), with BBC Singers. Shoetakovich (Overture on Russian and Kirghiz folk themes), Tcherepnin (Comptaint, Four Russian Folk Songs), Borodin (Nocturne, arr Sargent), Glinka (Kamarinskaya). Lvadov

Sargenti, Glinka
(Kamarinskaya), Lyadov
(Five Russian folk eongs,
Op 59), Glazunov (Concert
Waltz In F, Op 51),
Mussorgsky (Grits ko dream
from Sorochintsy Fair,
Night on the Bare Mountain)
12-30 Ways of Freedom: the
growth of Jazz in Russia.
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News With John Fordham (2), 1.0 News
1.05 Concert Hait: Bochmann String Quartet. Borodin (Cuartet No 1, and Pieces from Les Vendredis, Book 2, No 5), Glazunov (Courarte No 2), Lyadov (Sarahande No 7), Kopytov (Polita)

(Polka) 2.00 Mozart Plano Sonatas: Christian Zecherias plays the B flat. K 281, and the F, K 533 and K 494 2.50 Record Review: with

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THE RESERVE

Jonathan Pryce: Woman's Hour, Radio 4, 2.00pm Paul Vaughen, Includes Jeremy Skapmann's consumers' guide to recordings of Schubert's Plano Sonata in B flat, D

960. (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Peterborough Cathedral.
4.55 News
5.00 Johann Strauss (Indigo and the 40 Thieves Johann Strauss (Indigo and the 40 Thieves overture: Vienna PO), Haydn (Misse brevis in F: Academy of Ancient Music/Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and soloists Emma Kirby and Judith Nelson). Atterberg (Hom Concerto in A: Maim/Gothenberg Radio Orchestra), Schumann (Sonats No 1: Earl Wild, plano), Goldmark (Rustic Wedding Symphony: RPO)

ymphony : RPO) sorts Godunov: ours sociations:
Mussorsky's opera in
prologue and lour acts (1872
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Chorus and Orchestra
(under Vladimir Fedoseyev)
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and Spring Studio Children's Chorus, Cast includes Alexander Vedernikov in the title role, Vladislav Plavko, Irina Arkhipova, Yelena Shhkolnikova and Glafira Koroleva. Interval reading at 6.10. Act two at 8.15 9.15 Boris Godunov; act

9.16 Boris Godunov: act three. Interval at 10.00. Act four et 10.05 11.00 Manchester Chamber Music: Medici String Quartet. Haydn (Quartet in C, Op 84 No 1) and Dvorak (Cuartet in E flat, Op 51) 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

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10.00 News; Gardeners'
Question Time. From St
Edmundsbury in Suffolk.
10.30 Morning Story; What
Shell We Do fi It rains?
by Graham Seal. Read by
Martin Jarvis.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every
Morning, page 45(s)
11.00 News; Trave; With Great
Pleasure. Michael
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Parkinson selects his
favourite prose and
poetry. With Geoffrey Collins
and Carol Drinkwater (f)
11.48 Talking Toys. Runners,
Wrappers and Hiders.
With Bob Symes.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
Consumer advice..
12-27 A Matter of Honour, by
Jeffrey Archer (third
episode, with Michael York
and Simon Ward (s)
12-55 Weather

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1.00 The World at One. News
1.35 A party solution 1.35 A party political broadcast (by the Liberal Party) 1.40 The Archers. 1.55

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Shipping
2.00 News, Woman's Hour,
with Sue MacGregor.
Includes an interview with
actor Jonathan Pryce.
3.00 News; The Afternoon
Play. London Belongs to
Me, by Norman Collins.Part
one. With Norman Bird
and Liz Smith (r) (see Choice)
3.47 Time for Verse. Minor
Victorians. with Kingsley
Amis (1) Sir Henry Newbolt.
4.09 News
4.05 File on 4. (r)
4.45 Kaletdoscope Extra. A
feature about one of the
most Important elements of

most important elements the festival fortnight in Stratford-upon-Avon, the RSC youth festival.

5.00 PM News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News; Financial Report 6.30 Round Britain Quiz, Irene

Thomas and Eric Korn versus Douglas Gifford and Robert kernohan.

7.45 The Roith Lectures 1986.

Law, Justice and Democracy, by Lord McCluskey. (4) Trusting the Judges. 8.15 Analysis, Peter shadow parties can prepare themselves for #

themselves for a possible return to power. 9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. The Runaway, by Pat Davis. With Peter Baldwin (r)(s)

9.30 One Man and His Newt.
David Bean recounts his
meetings with artimals and
the people who cherish
them. Tonight: horses. 9.45 Kaleidoscope, includes comment on The Women, et the Old Vic;the London Contemporary Dance Theatre at Sadier's Wells, and the books Towards the Lost Continent,

by Alain Fournier, and Alain Fournier: A Brief Life 10.15 A Book at Bedtime. A House for Mr Biswas, by V S Naipaul. Part 11. Rea by Garard Green 10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight 11.15 The Financial World

Tonight 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping

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(Poetry) (s) 2.40 Using Unemployment 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10em Schools Night-time isroaccasting. Economics (O-level) Case Studies in Production. 12.30 (5): Structural change in the Economy. 12.50 (6): A Programme for Teachers.

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7.00 News

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By Charles Benson

Barry Hills will today take over the reins at Manton's racing establishment on behalf of Robert Sangster. This follows the dramatic dissolution of the partnership between Sangster and Michael Dickinson oo Monday.

The decision to insert Hills, who will also remain io charge of his own South Bank stables at Lambourn for the next year, was made over a long aod intricate session at Scott's restaurant in the West End of London yesterday.

Hills was reluctant to step into another mao's shoes until he received full reassurance that the nreakdown between Sangster and Dickinson was complete. Also present at the meeting was Sangster's finan-cial director, Keo Paul.

Hills, 50 oext April, first took out a trainer's licence in 1969 after serving his apprenticeship with Fred Rimell and Jack Colling.

He gained his first classic success io 1978 with Enstone Spark in the 1.000 Guineas aod followed up the oext season with Tap On Wood, who gave the newly-arrived Steve Cauthen his first classic victory io the 2,000 Guineas. Success in the Derby has

eluded him hut he has twice saddled the runner-up io Hawaiian Souod aod Rheingold, who weot oo to win Europe's most coveted prize, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, as a four-year-old. His other big-race triumphs

include the Ascot Gold Cup in 1984 and 1985 with Gildoran and the 1974 Irish Oaks with

The appointment of Hills has quickly ended the speculation as to who would be eothusiasm for the new deal. Dickinsoo's successor. When Sangster was deliberating possible solutions in Australia three weeks ago, his top horses will strengthen and trainer there, Colin Hayes, bring balance to the Mantoo offered to fill the gap while a team.

petition and recreation oo the education.

state educational curriculum

in Schools", chaired by Rich-

ard Tracey, the Sports

The seminar, io Londoo, is

the climax of a year-long ioquiry set up by Mr Tracey

amidst mounting concern that competitive sport - particu-

larly team games - is suffer-

The backdrop of the meet-ing consists of both the

teachers' dispute, with its

drastic effect oo the super-

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younger man was appointed. The Los Angeles trainer, Joho Gosden, an Englishman who is oow among the leading members of his professioo in the United States, was also mooted as a possible replacement at Manton.

Sangster also considered the top South African trainer, Terence Millard, whom he regards as the southern hemi-sphere equivalent to Vincent

Among the home trainers, the short list consisted of Hills, Charlie Nelsoo, and Bill Watts, all of whom train for him already.

Dickinson dilemma, page 38

Hills, though, was the ob-vious choice. A lifelong friend of Hills, Sangster has always kept and guaranteed a strong hand of horses at South Bank, even wheo installing Dickinson as his private trainer.

years, Sangster has fielded a team of about 30 horses with Hills and it was no surprise that the owner, thrown into a turmoil by the latest problem, should turn to Hills, for whom he has the greatest possible professional respect.

The principal difference betweeo the new set-up at Manton and the old, when Dickinsoo had to manage only the 46 Sangster horses, is that Hills, as a public trainer, can bring up to 50 animals with him from Lambourn.

These will include horses owned by Sheikh Mohammed and Khaled Abdulla, this year's leading owners, who have both iodicated their

Both recognize Mantoo as an ideal training establishment and the presence of their

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

will be discussed today by the belief in the importance of teacher leadership and coach traditional sports for pupils training and links between

theory that the less-gifted

pupils must be helped to find

pleasurable and rewarding

activities that they can coo-

The day-long seminar will be attended by Mr Tracey and officials of the Department of

Educatioo and Science and,

after a plenary session, the meeting will break up into

four groups to discuss dif-

These will be: the curricu-

tinue as adults.

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vision of sport, and also a clash between different philos-

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bodies in a seminar, "Sport and the encouraging of com-Schools", chaired by Rich-petition. On the other is the of local authorities and sports

While it may have seemed easy for Sangster to fall back oo his friend, Hills, he thought long and hard about most of the other possible candidates. He was greatly touched, for instance, by the immediate offer of Hayes, doyen of Australian trainers and a prolific winner-producer there, to come to the rescue.

This initiative occurred carlier this mooth, shortly before the Melbourne Cup, which Hayes won with At Talaq. He iocluded in his offer his two very able sons, one his assistant, the other a trainer in his

The matter of Gosden is more complicated. He is a good friend of Sangster, who helped to set him on his way in Los Angeles, a career which has landed him at the very top of the tree and was initiated, among other hig winners, by success in the Breeders' Cup Mile with Royal Heroine two

Gosden feels a great loyalty to Sangster but, having en-joyed some long and fruitful cooversations with him in Los Angeles recently, I detected an urge to remain in the States, where he has been so successful for a few more years yet. Gosden, soo of the late Towser Gosden, will un-douhtedly return home in due

As for Nelsoo and Watts, they will contioue to train for Sangster and are very much in the forefroot of his future

But, with the old stables at Manton due to be renovated as a back-up to the 60 new boxes used uotil now by Dickinson's string, a new era

If Hills cannot deliver the goods, he and Sangster must look at each other and wooder

governing bodies.

Representatives from such

organizatioos as the British

Olympic Association, the Sports Council, the Central Couocil of Physical Recreation, the National

Cricket Association, the Foot-

ball Association, the Lawn

Tennis Associatioo and the

British Amateur Athletic

Board will give their views, as

will several teaching

organizations.
The latest disturbing report,

published last week, was the result of a survey by the Secondary Heads' Association. It foood that there had been a substantial decline in the number of occurredistics.

the oumber of ooo-specialist physical education teachers willing to help with school

Sport.
Only 20 per cent of second-

ary school pupils have the option to swim, only a fifth of secondary school pupils have

as much as two hours a week

of P.E., and about two-thirds of sixth-formers attend schools at which games are

About a half of the local

education authorities have on published policy at all that

recognizes the importance of P.E., and less than half have a

policy to ensure that all

schools have the minimum

Department of Education area of usable playing fields.

Less than one-third of the vehicles leaving Paris are expected to last the 8,000 miles to Dakar. Averaging nearly Competition or recreation? 500 miles per day, the route is through France, Spain, and theo an all-oot onslaught across the deserts of Algeria, The rival claims of com- ophies of teaching physical and recreation; facilities in Niger, Mali, Mauritania, and schools and the supervision of On the one hand, there is extra-curricular activity;

The 1987 event will be the nioth Paris-Dakar rally. Although it received some

The sedate Dorchester hotel

io Loodoo is a long way from

the hot and humid seashore at

Dakar, hut it provided a typical British setting to launch the intrepid Ted Toleman on another of his

sporting ventures — the Paris-Dakar Rally.

For 22 days starting oo

January 1, 270 cars, 130

motor-cycles, and 80 trucks

(lorries) will take part in what

is billed as "the last great adventure oo wheels."

ootoriety three years ago when Mark Thatcher got lost in the Sahara desert, it has oot received any great following in the UK. Toleman and his team plan to change that. Backed by £150,000 and the

Intrepid Toleman back on

the road of discovery

maing formula: Ted Toleman (centre) with co-drivers Rad Dougall (left) and Barry Lee (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

support of Range Rover Parts Division, Bridgestone Tyres. Shell aod, appropriately considering the hot desert stretches, Dansk Low-Alcohol lager, Toleman's entry will be a very much modified 240bhp Range Rover.
Aoother Range Rover

"chase" car, a long-wheelbase Land Rover, an aircraft, and other strategically placed vehicles will be used to help service the operation. Each year, the desert tracks and sand dunes are littered with crashed and abandoned cars, motor-cycles and trucks. To

finish is an achievement. Toleman said: "I have gone for team spirit. For three

weeks effort you need very

special people." Driving with Toleman will be Barry Lee, four times world hot-rod champion, but with considerable rally experience, having competed in the RAC rally five times. The other co-driver will be Rad Dougall, an aotomotive engineer and former formula two driver. For Toleman, millionaire

businessman, skipper of the ill-fated Virgin Atlantic Challenger I, and ex-formula one race team owner, this represents yet another challenge.

To mark the occasion, Gieves and Hawkes, whose headquarters once belonged to the Royal Geographical Society, have provided the official off-duty uniforms and, for Toleman, a replica of the consul's cap supplied by Gieves to David Livingstone 115 years ago. They obviously presume he will arrive at his

long ban

on Higgins

By John Goodbody

chairman of the World Pro-

fessiozol Billiards and

Snooker Association, said

Eight board members of snooker's world ruling body will consider Higgins' case,

but the player has not been asked to attend.

Higgins, who on Monday night beat Mike Hallett in the

third round of the Tennents
UK Open at Preston, had to be
escorted out of the bailding by
police after refusing a drugs
test ordered by the tournament

John Spencer, three times

over the eye."

The police were called by the security stuff at the Preston Guild Hall after Higgins had to be physically restrained by officials. The police are not provided that the process of the police are not provided to the provided that the police are not provided to the provided that the pro

ruing out charges against Higgins although Hatherell has told them he will not be making a formal complaint.

According to witnesses

Higgins was swearing and shooting at the top of his voice, exclaiming "I am killing myself. It is all down to television.

Do you want to 'chin' me?"

Higgins yesterday declined to comment further on the

incident. His manager, How-ard Kruger, said: "I have spoken twice to Alex but we feel it would be better to spend

time sorting things out. I have no further comment at the

player, took drugs.

director, Paul Hatherell.

planned destination.

SNOOKER Threat of

Jones not put off his act by distraction

By A Correspondent

Wayne Jones ignored oot-side distractions to focus his afternooo 50-30 after 29 minattention oo reaching the first big quarter-final of his professional career at Prestoo's

Guildhall yesterday.

A former Welsh amateur champion, Jooes, aged 26, patieotly and often skilfully opened up a 4-3 first-period lead over the more experienced Eugene Hughes in their best-of-17-frames third-round match io the £300,000 Tennent's United Kingdom

Open. Jooes began confidently, clinching the opening frame 64-23 before stepping up to compile his first-ever televised ccotury break. The break of 106 ended as Jones missed the yellow, with all the colours cooveniently placed oo their spots; hot by then he had done more than enough to go 2-0

Hughes produced a break of 46 to reduce the arrears but
Jooes went 3-1 in front, taking
the fourth frame 69-38.
Hughes made it 3-2, wrapping

Alex Higgins, the former world champion, is today fac-ing the threat of a long utes of scrappy play.

Jooes again restored his
two-frame cushion, sealing the sixth frame 79-57, but a Hughes break of 44 was just suspension after allegedly butting a tournament director in the face when asked to take enough to give him the final a routine drugs test.
"Clearly this is the most serious incident snooker has ever had," Rex Williams, the frame of the period.

Tooy Knowles also went into the mid-period interval with a 4-3 lead over Terry Griffiths. Knowles produced fluent breaks hut, like other leading players throughout this tournament, was far from at home oo the generous

Knowles rolled in a break of 74 to go 2-1 ahead but Griffiths responded with breaks of 33 and 53 to lead for the first time in the match at 3-2. Knowles levelled with one break of 51 and another of 53 to give him that 4-3

SCORES: W Jones leads E Hughes 4-3. Frama scores (Jones first: 64-23, 106-14. 51-89. 69-38, 30-50, 79-57. 47-63. T Knowles leads T Griffiths 4-3. Frame scores (Knowles inst: 51-50, 24-62, 83-34, 29-78, 53-68, 71-14, 79-3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Grand prix for Japan

Paris (AFP) - Formula one motor racing will return to Japan for the first time in a decade next year. The grand prix has been fixed for November 1, 1987, following formula ooe contructors' association chief, Bernie Ecclestone's trip to Japan to finalise the deal with the organisers.

FISA, the international autosport federation, announced yesterday that Ecclestone had signed the necessary cootract for the race, to be held at the Suzuka circuit. The track, oo which major work will have to be carried out, is currently under inspection by a FISA official.

Pioneer dies

Wengen, Switzerland (Reuter) — Ernst Gertsch. founder of the famous Lauberhorn classic downhill and slalom races and a pioneer of Alpine climbing and skiing, died



Millichip: "no problems" Oriet men

Football Association and League officials remained tightlipped last night after a meeting at Lancaster Gate, London, to consider the on-going relationship" between the two bodies. The League are demanding a larger say in everyday affairs. The League president. Philip Carter, emerged from the 75-minute meeting to say: "It went well" and Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, insisted "no problems" before hurrying

The second secon

Skipper hurt

Fremantle (Reuter) — Aldo Migliaccio, skipper of the America's Cup challenger Ita-lia, has sustained several broken ribs in a car accident.

Migliaccio was driving to a
party in Perth when the
accident happened.

Jones debut Murray Jones, the stand-off

half, who broke all points scoring records at Stouroridge before joining Moseley last summer, makes his senior debut against Fylde at The Reddings. He has been injured for most of the season.

Botham plan

Charlie Elliott, the Derbyshire committee member, confirmed yesterday that his county are keen to sign lan Botham, but said that oo approach would be made before the New Year. Elliott is in Perth, where the second Test starts on Friday, and his arrival had started speculation that he had been sent to open ocgotiations, but he denied this.

Harvey's tactics

SQUASH RACKETS

reap a fine reward By Colin McQuillan

Neil Harvey, the seventh seed at the InterCity national championships in Bristol, yes-terday continued to defy the 1986 men's rankings by totally outplaying Geoff Williams. the former champion, secood seed, and for many the favourite for the title.

In a 71-minute quarterfinal, Harvey, a stocky Londoner, fought back from two sets down to record a fine 2-9, 7-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-0 victory. Harvey has been long trou-

bled with severed thigh-muscle fibres and has scarcely featured in national lists for a couple of years. He last reached a national semi-final in December 1983. Today he meets Mark Maclean, aged 22, who defeated Philip Whitlock, of Devon, 9-0, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4 in 89 minutes to become the first Scotsman to reach a

national semi-final. Harvey's win was a tactical triumph on the all-transparent perspex court, erected temperspex court, erected temporarily for the occasion at Temple Meads Station. He was confident he could force Williams into a negative approach by staying in the match early on and playing "certain shots" he knows frustrate the fast front-court approach of the tall left-handed 1984

champion. Outpaced in the openiog game, Harvey came back from 1-6 down to challenge for the second, then simply exploited the failing resolve of his highly-fancied opponent. "It was a nightmare," said

Williams, the sixth of the top eight seeds to go out here, as he sat dejectedly beside the court oo which he had hoped to re-establish his national supremacy. "I just seemed to run out of steam. I can't

Maclean used almost the same words as he lay prone, but victorious, in exhaustion after his titanic tussle with Whitlock. The tall Scot played with supple authority to take the first two games, but then became embroiled in a debilitating fight-back from

world champion and a member of the board, said: "There was physical contact between Alex and Paul. I believe Paul was head-butted. He has got a cut Whitlock. It seemed the Devon player, who like Williams trains with Jonah Barrington, the former world champion, had broken Maclean by the end of the fourth game. But there are great reserves of strength and courage in the man who last year ended the 20-year un-

> Barrington himself. Plainly exhausted and still suffering from the effects of a stomach bug, Maclean returned to court for the fifth game with astonishing resolve, resisted repeated attacks at 4-4, and finally clinched his semi-final place with a superbly balanced cross-court forehand volley to

defeated domestic record of

the mid-court nick.
Interestingly, Harvey fin-ished off Williams with pre-Cisely the same shot.

RESULTS: Non: Charter-Meals: M
Maclean (Scot) bt P Whitlook (Devon), 9-0, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4; N Harvey (Essae) bt G
Williams (Sussen), 2-8, 7-9, 8-4, 9-2, 9-0.

Womer: L Soutier (Gloucs) bt A Smith (Staffs), 9-1, 9-4, 9-1.

Higgins was recently fined £2,000 for bringing the game into disrepute after another incident back stage at the Mercantile Classic last season. On Saturday he is due to appear before the WPBSA board for alleging that Cliff more and Billy Games and Bolly of Games and Games board for alleging that Cliff moowealth Games gold medal-Thorborn, the Canadian lists, and Alex White and Iain

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By Derek Wyatt, farmer Eng. land rugby winger and new Richmond coach

I attended the Bedford centenary dinner last month. It was the usual customary evening of good fellowship and three less-than-Churchillian peakers. Luckily, the occasion was redeemed by an amusing speech by Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union.

He complimented the previous speaker on his mastery

of the single entendre and He had a point. The New Zealand/South Africa court ssue, the David Bishop affair, the South Wales Police ban, the London Welsh-Moselev fracas, and now my own club' treatment last Saturday at the required in Weish ragby. All ragby clabs will need the

London. Reg Clark met Hiras when he was working in Kobe, Japan, and recommended he Japan, and recomming the Richmond.

most exciting players in the world was denied the opportunity to play in merit table matches because the RFU had nunches occause the RFU had ruled that players from over-seas had to belong to a club for three months before they were eligible. I asked the Richmond committee to select Hirao and take the consequences. I lost. I

Chance lost to see leading player

was convinced we would have won the case (had we sned the RFU) in the European Court of Homan Rights.

of Human Rights.

A formight ago, the Richmond playing committee was told by the RFU that although it had informed as that the London merit table fixtures were obsolete, it had discovered a loophole and would therefore have to rescind a new burdow. Ten weeks juto the by-law. Ten weeks into the season I was told that matches that had been won or lost would now count for next year after all. Well, you'll forgive

me if my reply was to sue the RFU for negligence.

And all this activity is off the field. Imagine what the players make of these ridicu-lous situations. Were it not for 15 England players playing two internationals a year at no full-time staff at headquarters, ao technical administrators, indeed no Rugby Football Union and there certainly wouldn't be this glut of money that currently exists. Then there is the matter of

litigation going on behind the scenes concerning the sponsorship of the World Cup and West Nally, the official Adminstrators lost

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marketing company (which has just received a timely cash injection). All this does to the players is to demonstrate that our administrators, especially the full-time salaried officers have lost touch with base.

have lost touch with base.

Rugby in the leading clubs has never been in such a healthy state. County and international rugby is sick. My own players have been threatened by county selectors and told that if they don't play, then their names will not be put forward for the divisional side. County men run scared because one day they'll lost their nower base to the clubs. their power base to the cinbs.

The two merit tables have been widely welcomed, as will the leagnes. Richmond are

wellaware that just because they are the second oldest clab in the land, they can still end up in merit table C. To this end, a radical set of solutions has been agreed to ensure that on and off the field we secure our future status. But that doesn't mean to say that I have adopted 2 win-at-all-costs philosophy.

Our players think the example set by Liverpool in football and Leicester in rugby should be emulated. When as on Saturday, Simon Smith, our talented fly-half, is openly raked a minute into the game and the culprit checks where the referee is before he does it, and then five or so minutes later Chris Mills, our prop, is punched so badly that he loses vision in one eye and the club has to arrange a world leading eye specialist, of course, I'm

angry.
I'm angry because both incidents do a disservice to the game and to the clubs involved. Police were in attendance at the ground on Saturday and could quite easily have arrested both Swansen players. They would have, had the incident occurred a mere 100 metres away.

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